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## DISQUIET.

### KWANGTUNG AFFAIRS.

### POLITICAL INFLUENCES.

### Generals Converging On Capital.

### INSTEAD OF ADVANCING AGAINST THE REDS AND PIRATES.

A little uneasiness is felt over the latest trend of military developments in Kwangtung because several Generals have been reported to be converging on Canton instead of making an advance against the hordes of the Swabue Soviet and the pirates of Bias Bay. Political influences may be the cause but there is no reason for alarm.

Activity by the Canton authorities against labour unions has spread to Pakkai, the port of Kongmoon. The Seamen's Union of Canton has offered rewards for three notorious Reds one of whom is thought to be in Malaya.

### THE SEAMEN'S UNION.

Several of the leading Generals who were in the campaign against the Ironsides in that part of Kwangtung province between the East River and Swatow's hinterland are either returning to Canton or have arrived there already.

In a sense, this is an indication of security. General Wong Shiu-hung (who is the highest officer next to General Li Chai-sum) has been in the East River basin for a fortnight or so and it was hoped that he would move against the Swabue Soviet which has over-run the Hoiung and Lukfung districts for several months, and then send a punitive expedition against the Bias Bay pirates. He is now reported as about to return to Canton.

**Political Background.**  
Political influences may be responsible. The new "partner" in the Canton Government, General Chen Ming-chu, is believed to have expressed a desire to resign from the chairmanship of the provincial administration, a position to which he was appointed only a few days ago. It is said that he wishes to confine himself to military affairs; but such a statement can have almost any meaning.

Li Chai-sum's highest officer at Swatow is also at Canton, and commanders of divisions are also talking about moving back to the provincial capital.

**"Balance" of Power?**  
This sudden decision of so many officers to be in Canton may have no political significance. On the other hand, it may be due to the necessity of strengthening "Li Chai-sum's" position. There is no pressing call for transfers to the northern frontier of Kwangtung as the danger of an immediate invasion by the Hunanese is over.

In any case, it is regrettable that no systematic drive—or any attack for that matter—be projected against the Swabue Soviet or the Bias Bay pirates, both evils being within comparative reach of the East River and Swatow garrisons.

**Bandits Kill Each Other.**  
At its worst, it is hoped that no internal dissension in Canton is portended by these movements.

Meanwhile, disorder continues to hamper trade in the busy towns along the East River. Not only are the Reds in arms, but bandits are very active at the moment, so much so that news has reached Hong Kong about a feud between two strong bands which have fallen out and are now engaged in killing each other off.

### UNIONS CLOSED.

### Arrests By Authorities At Pakkai.

**Pakkai, Yesterday.**  
Nearly all of the local labour unions have been sealed up by the authorities. The only outstanding exception is the branch of the Mechanics and Engineers' Union of Canton, which is considered as consistently "moderate" and pro-Government, and is therefore allowed special privileges.

Three executives of the River Boatmen's Union have been arrested.

One day this week, as many as twenty-four unions were closed, these including the most notorious, namely, Tung Tak cargo coolies, Rice Mill workers, River boatmen, etc.—Our own correspondent.

**Seamen Offer Rewards.**  
Rewards have been offered by the Chinese Seamen's Union in Canton—now under "moderate" leadership which meets with Government approval—for the arrest of three former officials who are accused of being Communist agents.

One of the wanted men is So Shiu-ching, for whose arrest \$2,000 is promised by the Union. He has been chairman of the Union and was also chief of the anti-Hong Kong strike from 1925 to 1926. A rumour was current during the Red riots in Canton in December that he was about to return. Then he was heard of in connection with the Swabue Soviet. More recently, it was stated that he had gone to Malaya to stir up agitation. When he first had to flee from Canton last year, he went to Hankow which was then under Borodin's influence.

The other two men are also Seamen's Union officials. The reward for their arrest is \$1,000 and \$500 respectively.

**Canton's Revenue.**  
Pakkai, Yesterday.

An order by the Government has led to some confusion. Since the Government refused its own banknotes, payments of revenue have been mostly in subsidiary silver coin. The instructions issued to all revenue bureaus is that all collections in future should be in silver as to 100 per cent. and in paper money as to 20 per cent.

This means that the banknote payment of 20 per cent. is additional. It will have little intrinsic value and may be due to an effort by some sections to maintain the notes in circulation rather than let them become worthless paper. It is expected that a notification will be published in a few days after which the order will take effect.

**Two Motor Roads.**  
The embargo on the export of silver coin is now cancelled. The motor road between Kongmoon and Sanwui city is being used now but the vehicles are old and the road surface poor. One of the cars plunged into a paddy-field the other day, but nobody was hurt.

A new motor road between Kongmoon and Fatsan is promised by the end of the year. The committee in charge is sponsored by Major-General Chang Cheung-po—Our own correspondent.

### THE CIVIL WAR.

### Pro-Nanking Troops Near Ichang.

**Ichang, Yesterday.**  
Troops under General Ho Chien are reported to be approaching Ichang.

The military position at Ichang, Shasi and down river to Temple Hill remains obscure. — British Naval Wireless.  
[Note: Ho Chien is the leader of the Hunanese supporters of

## BOUND FEET TO GO.

### Religious Liberty Discussed.

### POOR HOUSES.

### Interesting Orders By Regional Commanders.

Forcible release of women's bound feet is reported from Honan province, North China, which is part of the "Christian General's" domains. Women and girls of Honan are stated to have formed an organisation for the inspection of bound feet. This organisation is accompanied by police officers, the report continues, and women with bound feet found in public have their bonds removed forthwith.

**Religious Liberty.**  
A Chinese cable from Nanking says that a proposal to recognise religious liberty was discussed at a meeting of the Nationalist executive when it was decided that the Permanent Council should take up the proposal to forbid anti-Christian slogans.

**Poor-Houses for the Old.**  
Chengchow, Feb. 8.  
In a circular order, General Feng Yu-hsiang (the "Christian General") instructed the Provincial Government of Honan, Shensi and Kansu, to establish orphanages and poor-houses for helpless persons over the age of 50. A sum of \$10,000 for the support of both was appropriate accordingly. He also ordered the opening of hospitals for the needy and homes for the crippled in order to teach them various trades to earn their livelihood.

**Anti-Opium Laws.**  
A second general order by the "Christian General" also instructed that all placards must first be approved of by the Headquarters of the North-Western Army (allies of the Nationalists) before being posted.

A third order instructed the three provincial authorities to initiate and carry out constructive measures, and the fourth, to enforce anti-opium laws, prohibiting any opium production by July, 1928.—Kuo Min.

## PEKING MINISTER.

### SIR MILES RETURNS VISIT OF GOVERNOR.

### DUE HERE TO-MORROW.

Sir Miles Lampson, K.C.M.G., British Minister to Peking, is due in Hong Kong to-morrow morning on board H.M.S. "Foxglove." Landing at Queen's Pier at 11.15, he will be met by H.E. the Governor, members of Executive and Legislative Councils, Naval and Military officers, and will inspect a guard of honour from the King's Own Scottish Borderers.

In the afternoon it is planned for Sir Miles to visit the New Territories. On Monday, the distinguished visitor is to have lunch with Major-General C. C. Luard C.B., C.M.G., and at night he will attend a dinner party at Government House.

Sir Miles is to visit Macao and Canton and, among other functions, arranged locally in his honour, is a dinner at the Chinese Merchant's Club on February 28.

Sir Miles is due to leave Hong Kong on March 2.

Paris, Feb. 18.—Women will be permitted to compete in examinations for certain branches of the consular service under a new decree but will only be eligible for headquarters posts.—Reuter.

Chiang Kai-shek and Nanking. Earlier messages stated that he was being attacked at Shasi by Wu-Han Nationalists. As Chiang is further up the Yangtze than Shasi, this latest despatch may indicate that the Hunanese are being pushed further up-river and that the Wu-Han friends of Canton are gaining ground.

**Doubt About Conference.**  
Some doubt exists as to whether Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek of the Nationalist Army did actually go to Honan province to discuss war tactics with his ally, General Feng Yu-hsiang (the "Christian General").

That renewed action against the Peking forces is indicated is evident from the arrival at Hsin-  
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## RACING POINTS.

### Value of Form And Jockeyship.

### TACTICAL ERRORS.

### What Our Correspondent Would Have Done.

How good form and good jockeyship do not necessarily win races has again been illustrated at the annual meeting.

I have an inkling that both the "Mr. Dynasty" and the Hynes-Mackie interests made tactical errors with regard to their Derby candidates by placing too much strength on the form of the first day. Otherwise, the Derby might have resulted differently.

The Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes and Mr. C. Gordon Mackie's Pickle failed in a short race the first day and Peck succeeded in the longest race of the day for griffins. Peck was sent for the Derby and failed to run into a place. Pickle, on the other hand, returned excellent time and qualified for the Champions in which he covered himself with glory by getting second to Elliot Bay and beating Bengal.

Peck, incidentally, again disappointed on the third day.

The "Dynasty" Griffins. "Mr. Dynasty" also had two Derby candidates, one of which was for long a firm favourite in the ante-post betting, this being Her Apparent. The other was Young Pretender. Her Apparent failed the first day whereas Young Pretender succeeded. The

### FRESH AND FAIR.

North-east winds, fresh, fair, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

latter ran second in the Derby and, later in the day, Her Apparent re-established himself.

Although I am unlikely to have the satisfaction of seeing these two ponies racing against each other, I suggest that Her Apparent is a shade the better and should have been persevered with in the Derby. Instead of getting second, "Mr. Dynasty" might have won.

It has also to be recorded that Young Pretender again won a race on the third day. The distance was the same, as that over which Her Apparent secured his sole victory; the time was worse but he was carrying more than weight for inches. Incidentally, Her Apparent ran fourth in the Champions on the third day. My contention is that Her Apparent should have been preferred to Young Pretender in the Derby and Pickle preferred to Peck.

**Jockeys for Ponies.**  
Another aspect which strikes me is the "jockey for pony" theory, which is that some riders can get the best out of certain ponies whereas others cannot. I remember that Mr. F. R. Vida in 1916 broke and/or equalled three records with Triumphant Dahlia but his colleague, Mr. C. R. Burkill, could do nothing right with this pony.

Grey Knight had a very undistinguished career during the 1927 "extra" season. Yet Mr. A. J. P. Heard made that pony run against better-class opposition at the annual meeting, as he did with Tangle—another pony with a comparatively modest record.

**The "Best Sub."**  
I remember that the experts were agreed last year that Kom Tong Hall was a sprinter. But he won a 1 1/4 miles race on Wednesday. The supposedly fastest subscription griffin this year is O'Moon. He performed grandly over six furlongs but failed over longer distances. Will he win a 1 1/4 miles race in 1929?

**Dumfries is a "sub."** griffin whose victories I attribute to smart handling. In a long race on Tuesday, Mr. H. Matland took the lead and stayed there—even though the time for the last quarter was poor. On the other hand, Mr. Heard was criticised for making the pace with Peck in the Derby, the race just before that in which Dumfries ran. If Mr. Matland was right on Dumfries, it has to be recalled that he also led with Brigade Call and failed, but it has to be borne in mind that Brigade Call is not the pony he was.

—W. P. C.

## AIR CRASH.

### Two Aeroplanes Collide.

### ONE PILOT KILLED.

### Accident Occurs Between Folkestone And Dover.

London, Yesterday.  
When flying over the cliffs near Capel between Folkestone and Dover, this afternoon, two Royal Air Force aeroplanes collided at a height of 2,000 feet and crashed. The machines, which were single-seater Grebes, belonged to the 25th Squadron at Hawkinge, and were piloted by Flying Officer Welsh and Flying Officer Watson.

Watson was picked up badly injured and died later.

Welsh dropped by parachute from his machine when about 1,000 feet up. He was carried nearly half a mile by parachute before falling on to telegraph wires on the Folkestone-Dover main road. His fall broke the wires but Welsh escaped injury. — British Wireless Service.

## PAN-AMERICANISM.

### FORMULA FOR "NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE."

### CANADA MAY JOIN.

Havana, Yesterday.  
At the close of yesterday's session, the sub-committee of the conference which is seeking a mutually satisfactory definition of "national independence," the majority of the delegates reported in favour of admitting their inability to agree as to a formula.

The Sub-Committee will meet and draft a formal report to-day.

Canada Joining?  
Washington, Yesterday.

Canada's eventual entrance into the Pan-American Union is predicted by Mr. John Barrett, ex-Director of Organisation in a telegram to the Chairman of the Havana Conference, in which he declares that a canvas of public opinion in Canada and the United States had convinced him that the Dominion Government would be represented at the next Pan-American Conference. — Reuter's American Service.

### UNKIND!

### Lindbergh's Work And The Diplomats.

St. Louis, Yesterday.  
President Coolidge and Mr. Davis have telegraphed congratulations to Lindbergh. Mr. Davis declared that the aviator's "good will" flight had done more to promote good relations in South America than the whole Diplomatic Corps, adding: "He should have remained in Havana as the Diplomat seem to be up in the air and lost in fog." — Reuter's American Service.

## HOME SPINNERS.

### PARTIES TO MEET ON TUESDAY.

London, Yesterday.  
The operatives have accepted the employers' invitation to a conference on February 21.—Reuter.

**Joint Letter.**  
London, Yesterday.  
After a series of meetings in Manchester and consultation with the Manufacturers Association, the Master Cotton Spinners Federation has decided to send a joint letter inviting the operatives and leaders to a further joint conference on February 21. No mention was made of serving notices on the operatives to terminate the wages and hours agreement.—Reuter.

## MAHOMMEDAN FASTING.

After the usual Friday prayers held at the Mosque in Shelley Street, the Mufti (Officiating Priest) announced to the congregation for the information of all Muslims that if the new moon is visible on the evening of Wednesday, the 22nd inst., the first Travels prayers will commence on that night. In the event of the non-visibility of the new moon then the fast will begin on the night of Thursday the 23rd inst.

He further announced that for the convenience of Muslims residing in the Eastern district, Travels prayers will be held at the Mosque in Happy Valley when prayers will start at 5.15 p.m. each night during the month of Ramadan. All Muslims are requested to attend.

## HARMONY.

### HONG KONG AND CANTON.

### SYMPATHETIC ASSISTANCE.

### Mutual Goodwill Now In Existence.

[By "Li Chung yin."]

Harmony between Canton and Hong Kong is now firmly established and the time is ripe for close co-operation between the Cantonese and foreigners in a sustained effort to take advantage of beneficial conditions.

In spite of the mutual goodwill between the Canton Government and foreigners, experts have been unable to make concrete proposals for sympathetic assistance in economic development or domestic rehabilitation in Kwangtung province, and also in Kwangsi province.

The problem which appears so difficult to solve is:—How best can the Governments or nationals of Britain and other countries help Canton?

## MONETARY MATTERS.

Kwangtung's most pressing need is money. The Canton Government is financially embarrassed. The merchants and people have been hard hit by disturbances, unrest, heavy taxes and the banknote crash but trade is still being conducted as far as circumstances permit.

Advances to merchants are matters for the individual and therefore cannot be dealt with in a general manner. The Government stands in a different position in regard to loans. Ever since General Li Chai-sum returned to power, his agents have been negotiating both in Canton and Hong Kong for loans. Very little or no success has been reported.

There is abundant inducement but hardly any security in tangible form.

### Banknote Policy.

Immediate relief may be obtained by the Canton Government but only by arbitrary methods. In the face of what the people have already suffered during the last few months, any new levy of substantial extent will be, to say the least, immensely unpopular.

A new issue of banknotes has been discussed. For reasons hitherto explained in the "China Mail," General Li Chai-sum's Government disacknowledged the paper money of the Central Bank of China which, as many know, was established by the Nationalist Party. And since China became a Republic in 1912, there have been several other banknote failures in Canton.

### Levy On Capital?

If no alternative is found, the Canton Government may force a new series of banknotes on the public by making refusal of them illegal. The fengpiao in Manchuria provides a parallel to this possibility. Kept in existence by sheer force, the fengpiao is worth only a fraction of its nominal value; and the logical conclusion can only be final abandonment.

Another levy on capital is not practicable because capitalists had to make heavy contributions last year to the \$10,000,000 loan which was floated expressly for the purpose of maintaining the banknotes.

### Revenue Or Concessions?

Customs surtaxes have been referred to as security for domestic or foreign loans. An element of uncertainty prevails over all Customs revenue at the moment. No form of revenue comes within the category of being secure when so many conflicting interests are involved. Canton has no Customs surplus—for the present at least—to earmark for loan services. What else is there?

Provincial concessions at one time had a degree of attraction but they have now been found to be impracticable.

**"Sheer Cussedness."**  
Some years ago a Tschun of Kwangtung received a large initial payment from an Anglo-

Chinese syndicate for extensive mining rights in the province. He was displaced by a Nationalist administration under the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen who promptly refused to abide by the agreement.

So soon as one ruler is overthrown, his successor will take back any concession that has been given in return for payment or as security for a loan. The successor does so out of what, to borrow, an expressive phrase, might be described as "sheer cussedness"; or because the concession is realisable, he wants to dispose of it again for his own benefit.

### Railway Difficulties.

Monopolies are in existence in Canton now and up-country, as a form of indirect taxation adding to the burden shouldered by the people. Additions to such may or may not be advisable. They have, however, no attraction for foreign financiers.

New railways will undoubtedly benefit trade in the two Kwang provinces. Increased trade will bring wealth to the people who, in turn, will be able to pay more in taxes—if made to by the authorities. Foreign investment in railways can be found if conditions warrant; but the uncertainty prevailing is a bar to enterprise in this direction.

### An Emphatic Negative.

It is necessary here to analyse another aspect. General Li Chai-sum is considered to be as well disposed to friendliness with foreigners as any other administrator of Canton since 1912. The outlook is promising, especially when one remembers the difficulties which existed during the last three years. Both in the military and political sense, he is strong enough to keep down opposition. But there are any outstanding factor which ensures his remaining in power for a period sufficiently long to give a fair return to foreign investments if such be forthcoming? If history is repeated, the answer is an emphatic negative. And there is no criterion that a new ruler will value foreign friendship as much as Li Chai-sum does?

### Outlook Enhanced.

In the immediate future, it can be reasonably predicted, although any forecast must necessarily be highly speculative, that the present regime will function unobtrusively with a steady if slow revival in trade.

The outlook is enhanced by General Li Chai-sum's decision to follow a negative policy towards the Central Nationalist Government at Nanking. Open rupture is bound to have an adverse effect even if neither side resorts to arms. Having accounted for rival forces in Kwangtung, it is to be hoped that the Canton Government will devote much attention towards restoring order. Peace is needed as much as money and, although slower, is the more certain if indirect remedy for the financial stringency in Canton.







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THE CLOSING DAY and DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES will take place on SATURDAY FIRST, 18th February, at 8 p.m.

A. CHAPMAN,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 16th Feb., 1928.

#### LECTURE.

MR R. VAUGHAN-FOWLER will give an address in the THEATRE ROYAL on Tuesday, 21st February, 1928, at 4 p.m. under the auspices of the HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, on

"The Prospects of Commercial Aviation in the Far East"

Members of the public are cordially invited to attend.  
Hong Kong, Feb. 17, 1928.

#### NOTICE.

I the undersigned declare that Mr. C. Y. Woo is no longer employed by me in the St. Francis Hotel.

Mrs. F. C. CAMERON,  
St. Francis Hotel.  
Hong Kong 17th Feb., 1928.

### NOTICES.

#### HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

#### RACE MEETING, 1928.

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#### SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination, and to endorse their names on the Passes.

Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' stands.

Any persons found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,  
C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 8th January, 1928.

#### HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

#### DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING

to be held on Saturday 25th February, 1928 (weather permitting), may be obtained at the Race Course, Hong Kong Club, and Causeway Bay Stables.

Entries will close at 12 o'clock Noon on MONDAY, 20th February, 1928.  
Hong Kong, 8th February, 1928.

#### LESSONS IN CHINESE.

MR. LI HON FUN begs to state that he has been a teacher of Chinese to European Officers and Merchants in Hong Kong for more than twenty years, that he has had considerable experience in training students for examinations in Chinese, and holds first-class certificates. Persons wishing to study the Chinese language are requested to communicate with him at No. 104, Praya East, first floor. Terms moderate.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the NINTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, on SATURDAY, the 18th February, 1928, at 3.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1927. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 11th February, 1928, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
KAN TONG PO,  
Chief Manager.  
Hong Kong, 3rd February, 1928.

#### HONG KONG & TERRITORIAL ESTATES, LIMITED.

THE FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, "St. George's" Building, No. 7, Connaught Road, on FRIDAY, the 24th February, 1928, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ended 31st December, 1927, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 16th February, 1928, until FRIDAY, the 24th February, 1928, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,  
General Managers.  
Hong Kong, 15th Feb., 1928.

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#### NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 25th February, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927. The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 13th February, 1928 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
A. C. HYNES,  
Chief Manager.  
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#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, the 29th February, 1928, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1927. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 17th February, 1928 to WEDNESDAY, the 28th February, 1928, BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
F. H. CRAPNELLE,  
Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 13th February, 1928.

#### FANLING HUNT STEEPCHASES.

#### SPRING MEETING.

Saturday, 3rd March, 1928.

ENTRY FORMS to be returned to Dr. F. PIERCE GROVE, Alexandra Building, BEFORE NOON, Monday, 20th February, 1928.  
Hong Kong, 13th February 1928.

#### INDIGESTION STOPS AT ONCE.

Whatever strides science may have made in combating diseases (no better remedy has been discovered for stopping indigestion than "Bismarck" Magnesia, which to-day is used by thousands of stomach sufferers with never-failing success. "Bismarck" Magnesia treats indigestion in the only logical way, by instantly neutralising excess acids, preventing fermentation, and soothing, healing, and strengthening the inflamed stomach lining, which soon becomes healthy and strong. "Bismarck" Magnesia is sold by all chemists in both powder and tablet forms. It is the remedy that is recommended by doctors. It is used in hospitals and by thousands of one-time sufferers who have proved again and again that "Bismarck" Magnesia is an amazing remedy of all acid-caused digestive troubles.

### CHANGING TIMES.

#### KIND OF TRIANON EXISTENCE.

#### FEES FOR AMATEURS.

The "smart-set" life in any Western capital is a kind of Trianon existence, lived in fabulous private luxury, and borrowing Bohemian manners to disarm the envy of the man in the street, who smiles at its antics as those of "filmm" artists, lucky dogs! Had the same roystering been indulged in by the old order it would have provoked curses, possibly pelting. All this hedonism is in a sense a dream-come-true, and our philosopher sarcastically wishes that Morris, or other Tolstoyan and Utopian dreamers, would return to see it.

Times have changed, and we must all be doing something. Everyone is a genius of a kind, and everybody must have scope to develop his personality. Cabinet Ministers, Civil Servants, generals, engineers, professors desert their jobs, and hurry into the city to draw the fantastic fees that are offered to amateurs.

Young guardsmen get away with deals of millions, while financiers open antique shops, or run night-clubs. Audience and actors become merged in semi-professionalism; and the only thing in which this age of amateurs agrees is that the professional is a dull, incompetent dog, for whom the modern romantic has no use, and who may be left to his dark necessities of the bread-and-butter order. Naturally in the midst of this enthusiastic amateurism there grows up the child-cult, the Peter Panism, started by Barrie, carried on by Charlie Chaplin and Anita Loos.—A. A. B. in "The Evening Standard."

### CHURCH NOTICES.

#### A CHARGE OF ONE DOLLAR IS MADE FOR ALL NOTICES UNDER THIS HEADING

#### ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, HONG KONG.

February 19th, 1928.  
Quinquagesima Sunday.

Holy Communion (8 a.m.).  
Children's Service (10 a.m.)  
Matins (11 a.m.)  
Preacher: The Dean.  
Holy Communion (12 noon).  
Evensong (6 p.m.) Preacher: Rev. H. V. Koop.

#### ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, KOWLOON.

19th February, 1928.  
Quinquagesima Sunday.

8.15 a.m. Holy Communion.  
11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer: Preacher, Rev. N. V. Halward, M.A.

2.45 p.m. Sunday Schools.  
3.00 p.m. Young Men's & Young Women's Bible Classes.  
6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer: Preacher, The Vicar.

Wednesday, February, 1928, Ash Wednesday.  
11.15 a.m. Morning Prayer, Litany & Sermon.  
6.00 p.m. Evening Prayer & Address.

Friday, 24th February, 1928, St. Matthias, A.M.  
7.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
6.00 p.m. Confirmation Class.

#### WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH.

Queen's Road East, Wanchai, (near Royal Naval Hospital).

Sunday, February 19th, 1928.  
Morning Service, 10.15 o'clock.  
Preacher: Rev. J. C. Knight Anstey.

Afternoon 3 o'clock: Sunday School.

Evening Service, 6 o'clock.  
Preacher: Mr. W. H. Smith. Sailors' & Soldiers' Home, Arsenal Street.

Sunday: 3.00 p.m. Mr. May's Bible Class; 8.15 p.m. Services Men's Hour.

Monday: 3.00 p.m. Ladies' Church Aid Meeting.

Friday: 8.15 p.m. Fellowship Meeting.

#### FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST.

[Branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., U.S.A.]  
Macdonnell Road, below Bowen Road Tram Station.

Sunday Service 11.15 a.m.  
Subject: "Mind."

Wednesday Evening Meeting at 8.30 o'clock.  
Reading Room at above address open.

Friday and Friday 10 a.m. to 12 Noon.  
Monday and Thursday 5 to 7 p.m.  
The Public is cordially invited to attend the service and visit the Reading Room.

### BIRTHRATES.

#### STILL FALLING AT HOME.

#### A 40,000 DROP.

Extracting the figures from the weekly and quarterly returns, it is possible to give approximate numbers of last year's births and deaths some weeks in advance of the authoritative figures of the Registrar-General. Returns are available for London and 107 great towns and county boroughs (with a population of 19,540,000) and are subject to correction before the final figures are issued.

In each quarter births were fewer than in 1926, both in London and in the great towns, although the population increased by 4,000 in the former and 100,000 in the latter. Total births registered in the great towns were 389,047 last year, compared with 385,195 in 1926, 384,810 in 1925, and 379,048 in 1924; in London the numbers were 76,234 last year and 78,825 in 1926, 82,401 in 1925, and 85,147 in 1924.

Deaths in the great towns numbered 239,281, as against 225,327 in 1926, and London's share compared with 52,431.

Comparative rates of births and deaths in the two years were:

	1926	1927
Birth rate in great towns	18.20	17.55
Birth rate in London	17.10	16.55
Death rate in great towns	11.6	12.3
Death rate in London	11.6	11.8

#### FRANCIS BIRTLES.

#### Absence of News.

London, Jan. 3.

Though at present there is no cause for real anxiety, interested person in England are troubled at the absence of news from Francis Birtles, who is attempting to motor from England to Australia and was due at Calcutta for Christmas. There has been no news from Delhi or anywhere else on the route, and no report has been received since he left Baghdad on November 28. In view of earlier references to a snowfall it is feared that he may have been caught in it. On the

"Advertising has made commercial honesty because it does not pay to sell an article which will not sell itself a second time without advertising," said Sir Charles Higham, addressing the members of the Incorporated Secretaries' Association, at the Corporation's Hall, Cannon-Street.

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Eighty per cent. of advertising passed through the offices of the agents engaged in it, and at least one hundred and fifty millions a year was spent in the British Isles alone in advertising, in one form or another, with twenty thousand people engaged in it. There were six advertisers in the world who each spent one million a year for that purpose, the British Government being one of the six, while there were stores in London alone spending half a million pounds yearly in the same way.

contrary he may be held up in a remote spot where communication is very difficult.

One of Birtles' backers views the position seriously, and speaking to representatives of the Australian Press Association, said: "Personally, I am worried. The only hope, in my view, is that Birtles, being snowfall it is feared that he may have been caught in it. On the conditions and turn up somewhere."

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LONDON via Singapore, Suez, Marseilles & Ports.  
KATORI MARU Saturday, 25th February.  
ATSUTA MARU Saturday, 10th March.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.  
MISHIMA MARU Wednesday, 22nd February.  
TANCO MARU Wednesday, 21st March.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.  
MOJI MARU Tuesday, 28th February.  
SADO MARU Saturday, 10th March.

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles,  
Mexico & Panama.  
ANYO MARU Thursday, 15th March.

SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.  
KAWACHI MARU Wednesday, 29th February.

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA  
CALCUTTA MARU Thursday, 23rd February.  
LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.

LYONS MARU Saturday, 10th March.  
CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON  
MORIOKA MARU Wednesday, 22nd February.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.  
AKI MARU Friday, 16th March.  
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

NAGANO MARU (Kobe direct) Wednesday, 22nd February.  
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## SHIPPING SECTION.

### BRAVE SEAMAN.

PRESENTATION AT HARBOUR OFFICE.

At the Harbour Office yesterday, Commr. G. F. Hole, R.N., Harbour Master, presented to Lam Pow, seaman of the s.s. "Bowes Castle," the Board of Trade's silver medal for gallantry at sea in connection with the foundering of the Praya on August 18, 1927, of the s.s. "Loong Sang," when several lives were lost. Lam Pow, with others put out in a small boat, and managed with difficulty to rescue several Chinese from the ill-fated "Loong Sang."

Commr. G. F. Hole, in presenting the medal, commended the seaman in appropriate terms, saying that this was only the fifth medal of its kind to be won locally.

The "Gazette" notifies that the fog bell on Lamong Mj is now in order.

### MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" arrived at Shanghai on February 16, and is due at Chinwangtao to-morrow.

The E. I. "Talmu" left Singapore for this port on Feb. 13, at p.m., and is due here to-morrow morning.

The P. & O. s.s. "Mirzapore" left Singapore for this port on Feb. 14 at 6 a.m. and is due here on Tuesday at about 6 a.m.

The R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" arrived at Shanghai on February 17, and is due at Kobe on February 21.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benlawers" from Leith, Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London, Straits and Philippines, is due to arrive here on Feb. 23.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Yokohama on February 16 at 2.30 p.m. left Yokohama yesterday at 7 a.m., and is due at Hong Kong on February 24 in the morning. She will sail for Manila on February 25 at 5 p.m.

### SHIPPING BOARD.

THREE CARGO LINES TO BE SOLD.

COLUMBIA PACIFIC CO.

Washington, Yesterday.—The Shipping Board has announced the sale of the three remaining Government-owned cargo lines on the Pacific Coast, namely, the American, Australian and Orient line comprising 21 ships, the Oregon and Oriental line and the American Oriental Mail lines of 11 an 47 respectively.—Reuter's American Service.

#### 11 SHIPS BOUGHT.

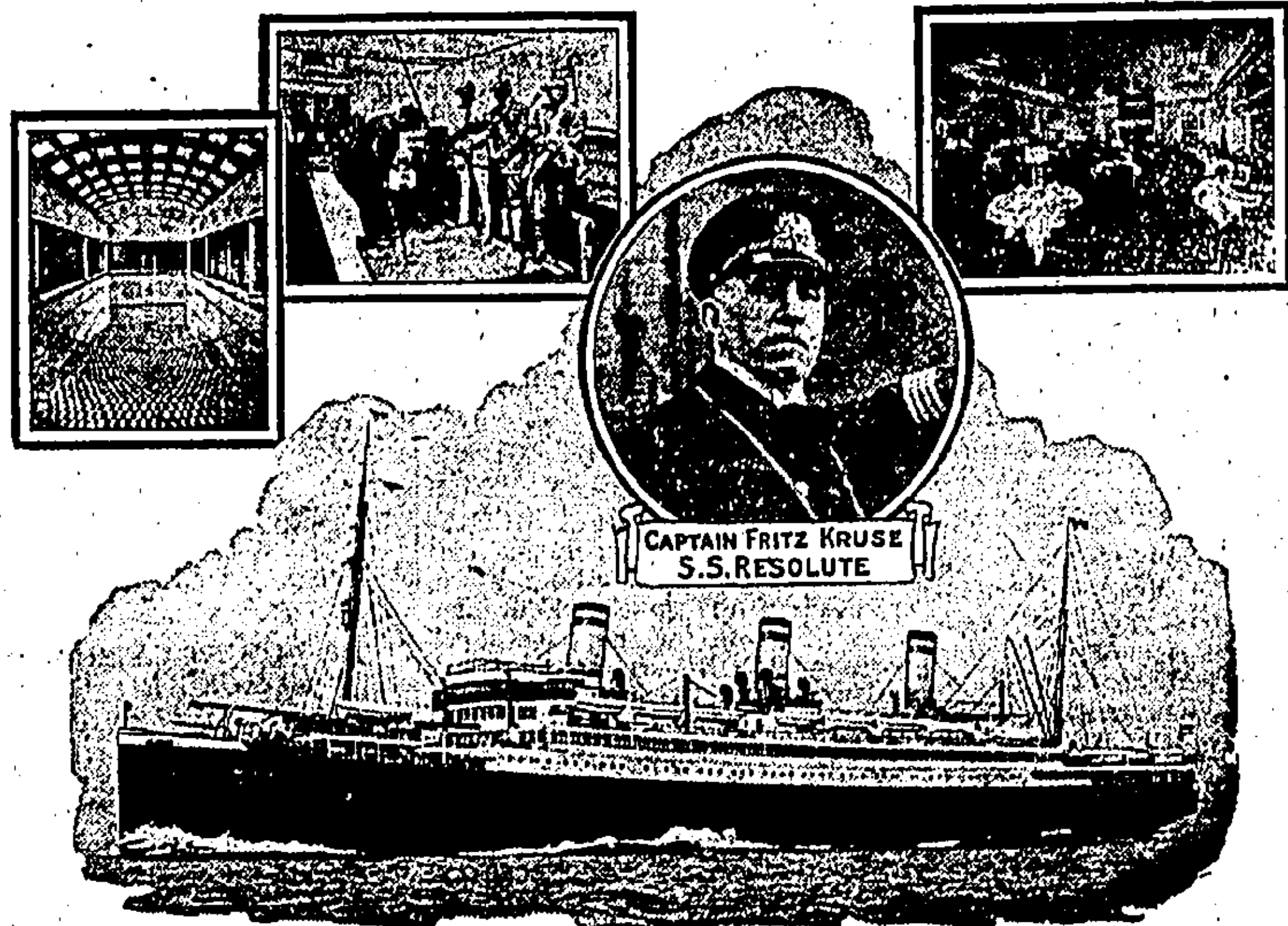
Names of Those for China Trade.

The Columbia Pacific Steamship Co., of No. 6, Des Voeux Road, Central, have purchased eleven vessels for operation between Portland and the Orient, the total cost of the steamers being \$31,065,000. The local offices of this company have been established for the past five or six years.

The United States Shipping Board has accepted their head office (Portland) bid for eleven vessels

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S.S. "CITY OF GLASGOW" Havre, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg 24th April.  
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S.S. "CITY OF CARLSLE" via Suez Canal 18th May.

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EMPEROR OF ASIA	Mar. 28	Mar. 31	Apr. 3	Apr. 6	Apr. 15
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Apr. 18	Apr. 21	Apr. 24	Apr. 27	May 6
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	May 9	May 12	May 15	May 18	May 27
EMPEROR OF ASIA	May 30	June 2	June 5	June 8	June 17
EMPEROR OF CANADA	June 20	June 23	June 26	June 29	July 8
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	July 11	July 14	July 17	July 20	July 29
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RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Cape Town. Saturday, 24th March.

HAWAII MARU Saturday, 24th March.

BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo. Monday, 20th February.

SHINNOH MARU (Calls on Karachi) Monday, 5th March.

DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo. Friday, 2nd March.

PANAMA MARU Friday, 2nd March.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon. Saturday, 25th February.

KASADO MARU Saturday, 25th February.

VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Japan Ports. ALABAMA MARU (from Shanghai) Monday, 5th March.

HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOI. Tuesday, 28th Feb. 10 a.m.

TAIKWA MARU Tuesday, 28th Feb. 10 a.m.

NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama. HAVRE MARU Sunday, 26th February.

JAPAN PORTS. TACOMA MARU Wednesday, 22nd February.

BATAVIA MARU Wednesday, 22nd February.

AMUR MARU Monday, 12th March.

KEMUNO MARU Sunday, 19th Feb. 11 a.m.

HOZAN MARU Sunday, 26th Feb. 11 a.m.

TAKAO Via SWATOW & AMOY. Thursday, 23rd Feb. 10 a.m.

DELI MARU Thursday, 23rd Feb. 10 a.m.

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#### Two Services.

The vessels which the Columbia Pacific Co. have purchased are the following:

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West Cadron	5,724	5,664
West Cayote	5,564	5,472
West Hixton	5,376	5,348
West Holbrook	5,376	5,348
West Kader	5,376	5,348
West Niger	5,376	5,348
West Nomentum	5,376	5,348
West O'Rowa	5,376	5,348
Las Vegas	5,403	5,362
Oakridge	6,038	5,729
Wawalona	6,076	5,729
Total	61,800	58,392

It is understood that half of this number will operate between Portland, Oregon and North China, calling at Japanese ports, while the remainder will ply between Portland and Manila via Japanese ports and Hong Kong.

### "IRENE" PIRACY.

Awards have been made by the Royal Humane Society as follows:—

Silver Medals: Engine-room Artificer Thomas W. Duckworth, aged 24, Able-Seaman Harry P. Paterson, aged 24, and Stoker 1st Class Edward Wright, aged 23, all of the Submarine L4, who saved 30 lives at Blas Bay, South China, on October 20. The submarine sighted the s.s. "Irene" entering the bay, and suspecting she was in the hands of pirates, ordered her to stop, and as she did not do so she had to be used. She caught fire, and when she was burning the submarine went alongside to take off passengers and crew. This was difficult on account of the swell, and four passengers lost their lives. The three above-named men repeatedly dived from the submarine into the sea and rescued drowning Chinese who had jumped overboard. Each man saved about ten lives, who would otherwise have been drowned, as there was considerable swell, the night was dark, and there was only one small light to illuminate the scene. Vellum: John H. C. Read, aged 27, land surveyor, who saved three men, and attempted to save a fourth, from drowning at Penang on October 30.



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HIDDERPORE	5,334	28th Feb.	Strait, Colombo & Bombay.
ACEDONIA	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marseilles & London
KALPORA	5,273	7th Mar.	Strait, Colombo & Bombay
KHIVA	9,185	10th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KASHMIR	5,985	17th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp & Hull
MIRZAPORE	6,715	18th Mar.	Strait, Colombo & Bombay
KARMALA	9,128	24th Mar.	Marseilles & London
MANTUA	10,946	31st Mar.	Marseilles & London
KALYAN	9,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MONGOLIA	10,504	14th Apr.	Marseilles & London
NAGPORA	5,283	21st Apr.	Marseilles & London
MOREA	10,963	28th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
KASHGAR	9,005	12th May	Marseilles & London
JEYPORE	5,318	19th May	Marseilles & London
MALWA	10,986	26th May	Marseilles & London
DELTA	8,097	9th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
NOVARA	9,989	16th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
RANPURA	16,601	23rd June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
KHYBER	9,114	7th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
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MOREA	10,963	30th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
ARAPURA	6,000	3rd Apr.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
JEYPORE	5,318	10th Apr.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KASHGAR	9,005	27th Apr.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
MALWA	10,986	13th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
NOVARA	9,989	27th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
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FALLACY.  
WHERE THE BENT.

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If education is to produce the best possible results, it must allow more latitude to natural tendencies than it at present affords. The inclusion of a considerable range of alternative subjects for examination purposes is obviously indicated; for it is not so much the common standard as the increasing desire to produce in girls' schools an exact replica of conditions in boys' schools which is undesirable and absurd. "Naturam expellas furca, tamen usque recurret," and no examination on earth will make a good mathematician out of a girl whose bent is for languages, or an able modern linguist out of a boy in whose head there is room only for the joys of engineering.—"The Sunday Times."

## A TREE POISONED.

ARSENIC AND SPIRITS  
OF SALTS.

Efforts made to poison a popular tree with arsenic were described at Surrey Quarter Sessions, when Mrs. Ann Cripps, of Lutworth, Langley Road, Surbiton, appeared against a conviction and fine by the Kingston-on-Thames Bench in August for damaging a tree.

Mrs. Helena Colombatti said the tree was the centre one of three poplars standing near the fence separating her house from that of Mrs. Cripps. She bought the house because of the beauty of the poplars, but as the result of the tree being interfered with it had turned black on one side.

An 80-years-old gardener said that Mrs. Cripps told him to destroy the centre poplar tree. He stripped the bark from one root and inserted some arsenic and sawed around the trunk as far as he could reach to stop the sap from flowing.

Mrs. Cripps did not pay him because she said he had done something which she had not told him to do.

It was stated that since the tree had been poisoned some of the boughs had fallen, and that the tree was suffering from progressive deterioration.

A Previous Dose.  
Mrs. Cripps said that one root of the tree ran on the lawn of her garden, causing it to turn brown. She declared that two years before Mrs. Colombatti gave her permission to do what she liked with the tree. She put some spirits of salt into the roots, but without effect.

Mr. L. Horton-Smith, for Mrs. Cripps, said she had absolute undeniable right to cut away such parts of the tree—whether branches or roots—as encroached on her property.

Mr. Moreby, prosecuting, said that Mrs. Cripps had done more than cut off the encroaching tree. She had poisoned and sawn the tree as well, so that when the sap rose the poison would be disseminated through the whole tree.

After a hearing lasting for eight hours the court dismissed the appeal.

## PEACE IN INDUSTRY.

Living Wage Enquiry.

London, Jan. 3.  
The Labour correspondent of "The Times" apropos of the coming meeting between employers and employees, says:—"It is a coincidence of considerable importance that the Labour Party and the Council of the Trade Union Congress has already begun a joint enquiry into the question of a living wage. Much ground must be covered and probably it will be a year before it is completed. First a living wage must be defined and means suggested for making that wage possible. The enquiry has accordingly been outlined, thus—defects of present system of production and distribution, finance, the problem of foreign markets, and international competition, immediate improvement in the level of wage rates including a high wage policy, family allowances and social insurance. The outline covers many other phases."

## WOMEN TEACHERS.

GENERAL TENDENCY OF  
TO-DAY.  
TRAINING GROUNDS.

I have no wish to depreciate the expenditure of public money on the Higher Education of Women, or to regret the facilities by which outstanding boys and girls, however poor, may have the chance of a period of advanced study. But it is to be regretted that there are not among women students a greater proportion of those who are not obliged to regard their university years as a mere training for a career, for whom the acquiring of knowledge can be more of an end in itself and who, moreover, add to the education afforded at school and college a tradition of taste and culture which cannot be gained in one generation.

While there are happily always a few persons alive to the profit to the individual of the pursuit of learning, the general tendency to



Little Marjorie Parker, of Los Angeles, who was kidnapped and slain by William Edward Hickman. Marjorie was kidnapped from school and held for ransom by Hickman, who killed the little girl and dismembered her body before collecting the ransom.

day is to look upon the universities as training grounds for careers, rather than as places where the mind may be enriched. In particular, they are apt to be regarded, so far as women are concerned, as institutions for the training of teachers—an idea fostered by the high proportion of women graduates who actually enter the teaching profession.

The figures at my disposal show that this proportion lies somewhere between 60 per cent. and 75 per cent. The limited choice of careers open to women forces them thus to enter a profession for which they have not necessarily a vocation.—Margaret J. Tukey, M.A., in "The Contemporary Review."

## ASSES IN THE ROW.

NEW RULES FOR  
RIDERS.

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## USES OF HISTORY.

HOW IT DOES A VAST  
DEAL.  
HERCULEAN TASK.

If history be of no practical utility, it can nevertheless do a vast deal for us within the region of its uselessness. The task of the historian is like the task which Hercules performed in trying a fall with death. The historian is asked to bring back the dead again from the grave, and sometimes, alas, the beauty of his Alcestris is marred and worn. It is, after all, but little that we can know of what is past. As Mr. Trevelyan says, "On the shore where Time casts up its stray wreckage, the historian gathers casks and broken planks, whence much indeed may be argued and more guessed; but what the great ship was that has gone down into the deep, that we shall never see."

Yet if our knowledge is doomed to be partial, History can give us much pleasure and solace. Its very usefulness enables us to pursue it for its own sake, without guile or the hope of gain. In Mr. Trevelyan's words, "It can give a noble education to the mind," it can stimulate thought, it can "intensify intellectual emotion."

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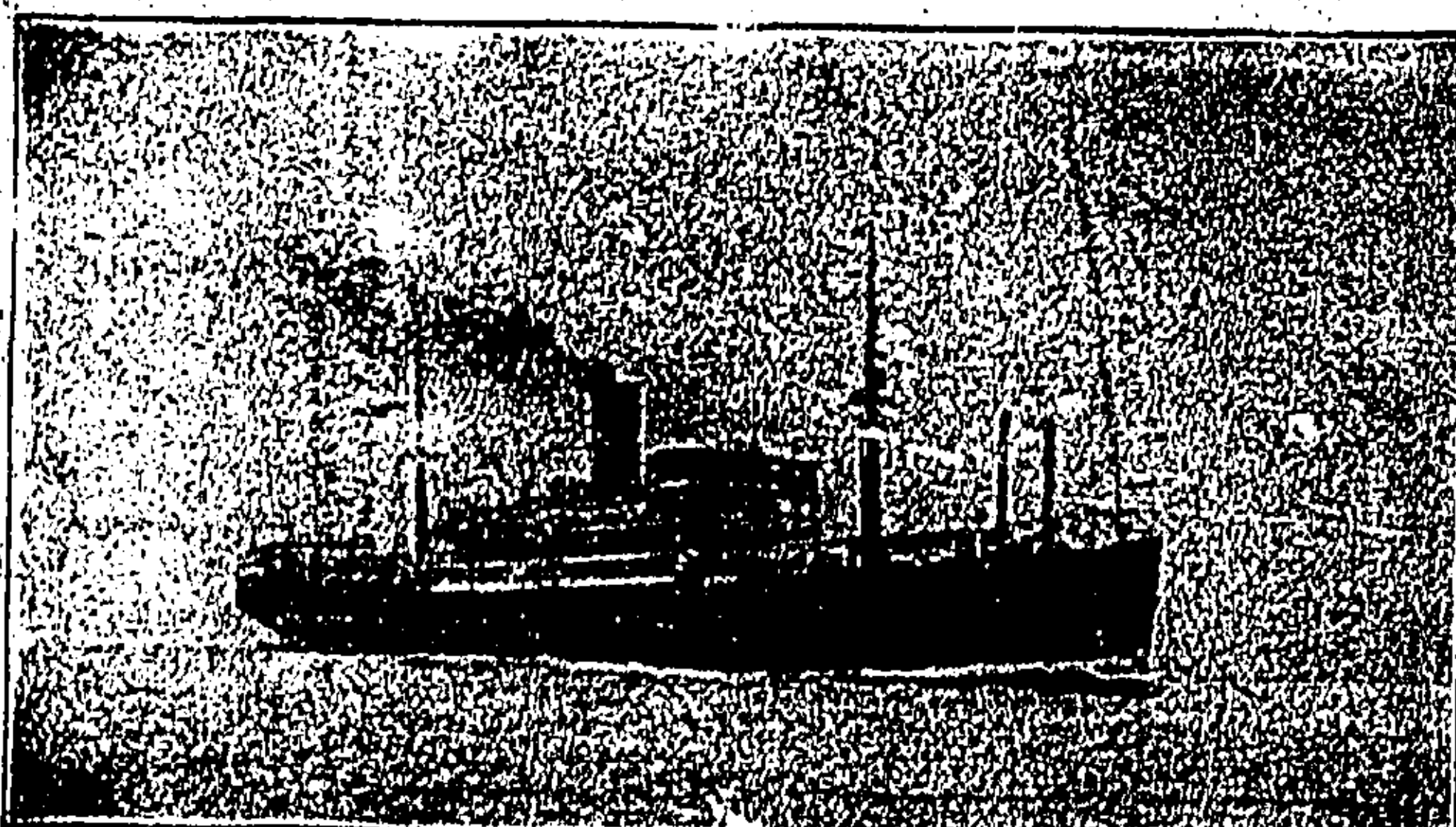
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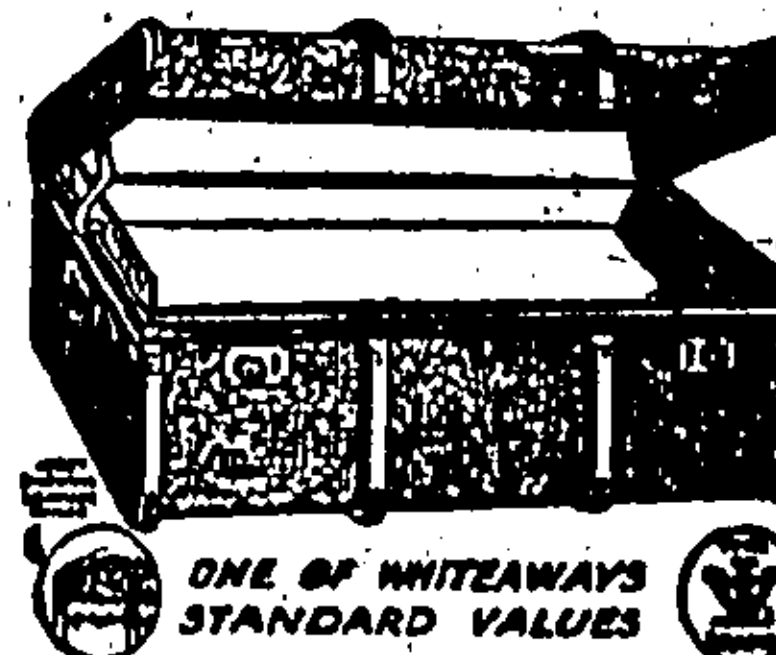
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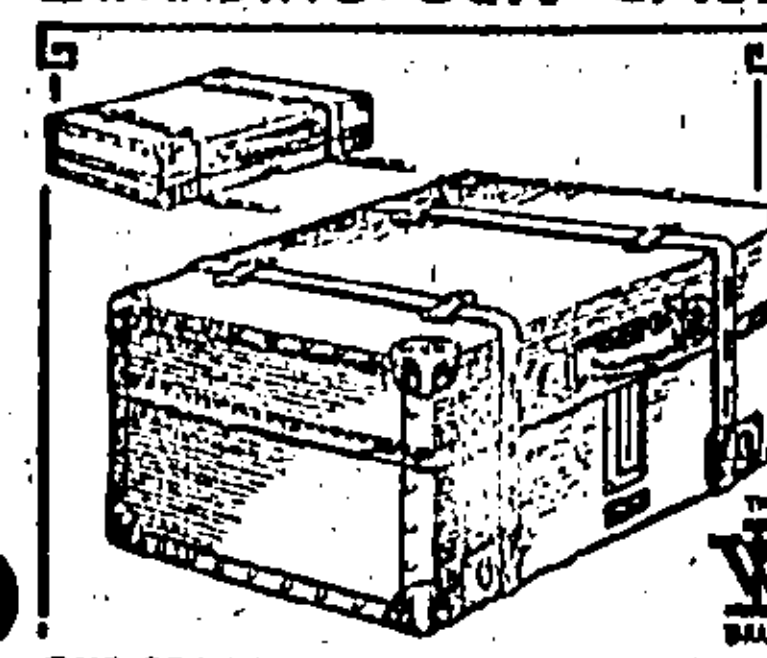
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### A SATURDAY CAUSERIE.

Mr. Tom Mann, the Communist  
agitator who last year visited  
Canton as a member of a delega-  
tion sent by the Red International  
of Labour Unions, is doing his ut-  
most to represent his fellow na-  
tionals in China as unscrupulous  
exploiters of the Chinese. To fur-  
ther his aims there are appar-  
ently no depths of baseness and fal-  
sity to which he will not descend,  
judging from his address at Bed-  
ford in mail week when he spoke  
at a meeting under the auspices  
of the National Left Wing move-  
ment. "After making the most  
careful investigation," said Mann,  
"I have definitely come to the con-  
clusion that wherever the Chinese  
begin to improve their conditions  
by trade union action the British  
authorities find some reason for  
shooting them down. The British  
authorities are determined that  
there shall be no trade unionism  
in China. They deliberately create  
the conditions that they may have  
some cover for shooting them down  
when they try to improve their  
standard of living. I can think of  
nothing more horrible than that  
we should belong to a British Em-  
pire that does things like that."

To all acquainted with the re-  
cord of British pioneer work in  
improving conditions in factories  
generally in all places in China  
where such jurisdiction is possible  
there can be "nothing more hor-  
rible" than to have to acknowledge  
common nationality with one  
whose sole aim appears to fling  
mud at his country irrespective of  
the accuracy of his statements or  
the harm such statements are like-

ly to do, among those who are not  
acquainted with the subject. In  
territories administered in any  
way under British aegis trade  
unionism which has for its object  
the furtherance of the welfare of  
its members—not the well-being of  
a few political agitators, dominat-  
ing its policy—is both recognised  
and encouraged. Hours of labour  
in factories and terms of employ-  
ment of women and children have  
been regulated wherever possible  
and the only stumbling block is  
the unwillingness in many cases  
of Chinese employers to fall into  
line. In spite of the fact that all  
possible has been done by example  
and precept by British pioneers in  
the improvement of conditions of  
industry, Mr. Mann would have his  
hearers believe that "the Chinese  
textile workers in British factories  
work twelve hours a day—men,  
women and children alike—for a  
wage equivalent to one-fifth of  
that paid to mill workers in Lan-  
cashire." The worst of it is that  
many who are ignorant of condi-  
tions in China will believe him and  
will regard the returned foreigner  
from China with suspicion and dis-  
trust, not to mention hampering  
any steps which the Government  
may have at any time to take  
to ensure his safety. It is in  
countering such pernicious propa-  
ganda as Mr. Mann's that the  
China Association and other kin-  
der bodies can most usefully func-  
tion.

Hostility to the visit to India of  
the Statutory Commission led by  
Sir John Simon, still continues al-  
though fortunately unattended by  
the violence which characterized  
mob action in Madras a week or  
so ago. In the course of the As-  
sembly debate yesterday at New  
Delhi, Mr. Lalpatrai, whose reso-  
lution pledged the Assembly to  
have nothing to do with the Com-  
mission in any shape or form, said  
he did not believe in British bona  
fides. "The Commission's ignor-  
ance of Indian conditions, history  
and politics was their greatest dis-  
qualification," said the spokesman.  
But Sir John has already made it  
clear that all the Commission in-  
tends to do is to absorb the atmos-  
phere of India, to become acquaint-  
ed with the elemental facts of life  
and thought and to accustom them-  
selves, as far as they can in the  
time at their disposal, to the "feel"  
of the Indian stage. It is not their  
fault that the vehement desire of  
certain political circles in India for  
indulging in empty spectacular pro-  
test against the alleged enormity  
of the Commission threatens to  
make an occasion for the display of

puerility which it was hoped had  
been banished from the stock in  
trade of Indian politics. Whether  
or not that threat assumes threat-  
ening proportions is really im-  
material, although regrettable. The  
Commission may be trusted to pro-  
ceed on the even tenor of its way  
doing its duty in accordance with  
its obligations. It will, moreover,  
be ready to take heed of such  
opinions as may be of value to it  
in its work, whatever their source  
and however limited their scope.

## ST. PETER'S CLUB.

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#### YEAR'S ACTIVITIES.

The record of achievements of  
the St. Peter's Young Men's Club  
during the first year of its exist-  
ence was outlined on the occasion  
of a dinner and dance held at Lane,  
Crawford's restaurant yesterday.

The toast of the Club was sub-  
mitted by the patron, the Hon. Dr.  
H. Kotewall, who associated  
with it the names of the Rev. N. V.  
Malward, Mr. Peter Pau and Mr.  
George Zimmern.

Mr. G. S. Zimmern replied on be-  
half of the Club and the health of  
the guests was toasted by Mr.  
C. G. Mow Fung.

Among those present was the  
Very Rev. Dean Swann.

After the toasts, dancing was  
enjoyed by members and their  
friends to the music of the  
"Titania's" band, the "Melodians."

## VISIT TO TIBET.

### BERRIE DANCES AT A MONASTERY.

#### WOMAN'S TRIP.

One of the most remarkable  
shooting expeditions in which a  
woman has taken part has just been  
safely accomplished by Lieutenant-  
Colonel S. Gordon Johnson, late of  
the South Staffordshire Regiment,  
and his wife.

They have returned to London  
after a journey of 1,200 miles from  
Kashmir to Tibet and back across  
the Himalayas and other mountain  
ranges.

Colonel and Mrs. Johnson, who  
were accompanied by 6 native ser-  
vants, 10 transport men with 15  
yaks, a herd of sheep for food, and  
a herd of goats to provide milk  
secured a Tibetan antelope at a  
height of 21,000 feet.

Colonel Johnson told a "Daily  
Mail" reporter:—

My wife and I made the journey,  
which totalled 2,000 miles from  
when we left Kashmir on May 4 till  
we returned on November 4, be-  
cause we are both enthusiastic  
shooters.

Leaving Srinagar, the capital of  
Kashmir, we crossed the Himalayas  
at Zogi Pass (11,500 feet). We  
went 240 miles without seeing a  
village, and arrived at Leh, the chief  
village in the Ladak Range.

Leh, which sees perhaps 25  
Europeans in a year, is a market of  
barter between India and Kashmir  
on the one hand and Chinese  
Turkistan on the other.

#### Dance of The Black Hat.

Thirty miles from Leh is the  
monastery of Hemis, where we at-  
tended the annual festival which  
attracts people from all over Cen-  
tral Asia. Grotesque and brilli-  
ant figures wearing great masks  
or huge black hats dance "the dance  
of death" or "the dance of the  
black hat," or other eerie steps to  
dismal one-note music.

During the festival you could  
go to see the Shushak, who might  
be called the Archbishop. He is  
supposed to be the re-incarnation of  
Buddha. When dying the Shushak  
has to call the lamas, the high  
priests, and tell them where to find  
the newly born infant whom he  
knows on the inspiration of  
Buddha, must be his successor.

When the baby is found it is placed  
in the monastery.

The women wear head-dresses  
that go down their backs and bear  
turquoises.

Mrs. Johnson, who bought splen-  
did specimens of turquoise for  
less than a pound in rupees, pointed  
out that these stones carried on  
the head-dress, were the banking  
accounts of the women.

The journey continued across the  
Chang Chen Mo river to Tibet.

Colonel Johnson said:—

We encountered a snow-field at  
18,000 feet into which my wife  
sank almost to the shoulders. When  
I went to help her I sank just as  
deep, and soon all our transport  
was in. It took us from 8.30 a.m.  
to 2 p.m. to get out of the snow-  
field, in which we moved less than  
half a mile.

## EVENING DRESS.

### STORY OF LONDON WAYS.

#### CHRISTMAS EVE.

A story told to me by a strong-  
minded Australian about his Christ-  
mas Eve adventures is worth re-  
telling as a record of London ways  
in 1927. He had been staying  
for some time in one of the great  
hotels on the Embankment, dining  
in the restaurant every night. On  
Christmas Eve he went down as  
usual not in evening dress, and in-  
stead of being ushered to his table  
as usual with the ceremony due to  
a good customer he was  
told very politely that he could  
not be admitted except in  
evening clothes. He in-  
sisted on seeing someone in auth-  
ority, and a polite under-manager in-  
vited him to the grill-room to have an  
exquisite dinner there, and then  
offered to send up the best dinner  
in the house to his rooms.

The strong-minded Australian,  
however, after pointing out that  
while they had gladly taken his  
money at the restaurant on the  
other nights of the week, although  
he was not in evening dress, they  
now refused him entrance on this  
special night of goodwill, said very  
well, he would go elsewhere. It  
would only have taken him ten  
minutes to dress, but he was made  
of stern stuff, so he took a taxicab  
and spent two hours travelling from  
one restaurant to another, and  
every time was refused admittance  
as he was not suitably attired. But  
at ten o'clock he struck a very  
famous restaurant in Regent Street,  
where he could dine in any part  
without evening clothes, so he  
dined well there. He intends to  
let Australia know about it all.

The question before the hotel  
and restaurant people is whether it  
is really worth while to maintain  
this Victorian rule of compulsory  
evening dress on occasions. The  
theatres have now tacitly given it  
up or at any rate do not enforce  
the rule. Even on the great liners  
at dinner, where wonderful dresses  
are worn, many Americans on prin-  
ciple appear in day clothes. Eng-  
land is the only country now, I  
think, where evening dress is made  
compulsory for men in hotels and  
restaurants.—Ex.

## RAD TEETH.

### THE ROMANS HAD TOOTHACHE!

#### FORMIDABLE JAW BONES.

Most of us, from our earliest  
days, are at intervals gravely trou-  
bled by our teeth. It was not al-  
ways so.

The jaw bone of the Heidelberg  
Man, who walked this earth about  
500,000 years ago, is placed along-  
side that of modern man. We  
realise that our Unterkiefers, as  
the Germans call them, are but as  
toys when compared with those of  
our earlier ancestors.

The jaw bones of still more an-  
cient people than the Heidelberg  
race were even more formidable. As  
they were provided with projecting  
canine teeth, which, without much  
doubt, were used in fighting and in  
other manly sports of those days.

Our wisdom teeth are in process  
of going out of business, which is  
a very important and significant  
fact.

In ancient man we find no signs  
of this atrophy of his rear-most  
molars, which were evidently in  
full use as such, and, we may  
imagine, gave him no more trouble  
than any other of the members of  
his dental array.

It is, however, difficult to believe  
that the widespread degeneration  
present in the teeth of civilised  
people has been set going solely  
by an unsuitable diet, and there  
may be some much deeper cause at  
work.

In Roman times decayed teeth  
were common—at any rate in the  
jaw bones of the skeletons unearthed  
in a cemetery of this date  
examined by me at Ipswich. There  
is reason to believe that these hu-  
man bones belonged to poor people  
of the period, who would be unlik-  
ely to eat prepared and dainty food.  
Yet their teeth were extensively de-  
cayed. Is it possible that what we  
are witnessing is a slow dis-  
appearance and extinction of hu-  
man teeth which will result, in the  
course of sufficient time, in men  
being born edentulous?

At first sight this seems a pre-  
posterous and absurd notion, and  
one which unfolds what appears to  
us to be a truly terrifying picture.  
But it is well to remember that  
even greater changes than this  
have taken place in animals in the  
remote past, and especially to re-  
cognise that, in the far distant  
Eocene Period, birds possessed  
teeth. And we cannot well im-  
agine a bird of to-day with its beak  
armed with teeth.

Will the time ever come when the  
idea of a human being possessed of  
teeth will appear to the people then  
living equally out of place?—Ex.

## P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

First Dear Thing (to Second  
Dear Thing of Third): She pre-  
tends to be the creme de la creme,  
but I think she's the skim de la  
skim.

Warder (entering condemned  
cell): There is no hope of a re-  
prieve. What is your last request?  
Convict: I would like to learn the  
piano.

"I knew an artist once who  
painted a cowbo on the ceiling so  
realistically that the maid spent  
hours trying to get it down."  
"Sorry, dear, I just don't believe  
it."  
"Why not? Artists have been  
known to do such things."  
"Yes, but not maid!"

Teacher (giving lesson on area):  
Now, boys can any of you tell me  
how iron was discovered?  
Boy: Yes, sir, I heard father  
say they smelt it.

"Now, Pat," said his employer,  
"I am giving you this pig for your  
birthday."  
"Faith!" It's just like you,  
sorr!" exclaimed Pat, gratefully.

Teacher: Surely you know what  
the word mirror means, Tommy?  
After you have washed your face,  
where do you look to see if it's  
clean?  
Tommy: At the towel, sir!

Wife: Did you see the letter that  
came for you yesterday marked  
"Private and personal"?  
Husband: No. What did it say?

The conjuror's turn had not been  
going at all well, but he stuck dog-  
gedly to his task. "Now," he said,  
"if any lady or gentleman in the  
audience can oblige me with an egg,  
I will proceed to perform an amaz-  
ing trick."

There was a momentary silence,  
and then from the back of the hall  
came a voice: "If anybody 'ere" ad  
a egg, you'd 'ave 'ad it long ago!"

Seller: There are new tyres on  
the two front wheels—I'll take  
twenty pounds one and ninepence.  
Buyer: Um! What's the one  
and ninepence for?  
Seller: Well, dash it, sir, I want  
something for the car!

It was Michael's first visit to the  
country, and feeding the chickens  
fascinated him.

Early the following morning he  
caught his first glimpse of the pea-  
cock, sunning himself on the lawn.  
Rushing indoors excitedly, he  
sought his grandmother.

"Oh, granny," he exclaimed,  
"one of the chickens is in bloom!"

Voice over telephone: John, come  
home right away. I've mixed the  
plugs in some way. The radio is  
all covered with frost, and the  
electric ice-box is singing, "Show-  
ing Me The Way to Go Home."

The prohibitionist was holding  
forth. "Look at me," he thundered,  
"I have never touched a drop  
of strong drink in my life. I am  
physically perfect—teeth sound,  
eyesight unimpaired—"

"Bet you half-a-crown you can't  
thread this needle," shouted an in-  
terrupter, and held up an object  
which glinted in the light.

"Done," shouted the lecturer.  
He was. It was a gramophone  
needle.

Mistress: Why are you taking  
that goldfish out of the water,  
Marie?  
Maid: Well, madam, you told me  
to feed it on dry bread.

Smith, a lover of music, took his  
friend to a pianoforte recital.

Smith was enraptured. He turned  
to his friend, who held the pro-  
gramme, and asked: "What is that  
magnificent thing he is playing  
now?"

"Can't you see?" replied the  
other. "He's playing a piano."

In the drawing-room the heiress  
and her husband sat chatting after  
dinner.  
"Percy, dear," she said present-  
ly, a tender light in her eyes, "do  
remember that tomorrow is the  
eighteenth anniversary of our wedding,  
and I have never missed baking  
you a special cake for the great  
day!"

"My darling," he said softly,  
"you have never failed me. I look  
back on those cakes as milestones  
in my life!"







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## LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Particulars of the Competition of  
Industrial Designs for 1928, Royal  
Society of Arts, London, are now  
available in circular form.Mr. William Thomas Snell,  
Western Circuit and North London  
Sessions, has been appointed Re-  
corder of Andover, Hampshire.All the war relics in Manches-  
ter's parks will be sold as scrap  
metal if a resolution passed by the  
Parks Committee is ratified by the  
corporation.A silk shawl made in Norwich in  
1863, and given by the Queen to  
the Victoria and Albert Museum,  
South Kensington, is now being  
shown there.Aircraftman James Ackrill,  
R.A.F., stationed at Andover, was  
killed at Camberley, Surrey, when  
a tyre of his motor-cycle burst and  
threw him under a car.Royal Marines, Plymouth Divi-  
sion, after 12 months in China,  
landed from the "Mantua" on Jan.  
12, and had a hearty welcome as  
they marched to barracks.On Jan. 16, Paymaster Lt.-Com.  
E. D. T. Churcher, late secretary to  
the Commodore-in-Charge at  
Hong Kong, took up duty in the  
office of the First Sea Lord.Eight sons, 8 daughters, and 15  
grandchildren were present at the  
unveiling of a stained glass window  
at Scotby Church, near Carlisle, in  
memory of Mrs. Burnett, widow of  
a former vicar.Mr. John Freeman Dunn, a mem-  
ber of the London Stock Exchange,  
who represented Hemel Hempstead  
in Parliament from 1923 to 1926,  
has been adopted Liberal candidate  
for the Faversham by-election.Fresh outbreaks of foot-and-  
mouth disease are reported from  
Ashbourne and Twyford, Derby-  
shire; Great Coates, near Grimsby,  
Lincolnshire; Great Bridge, Staf-  
fordshire; and Yaxley, near Peter-  
borough.Mr. Thomas H. Solly, for many  
years a prominent Essex farmer,  
has, at the age of 63, sold his farm,  
Mundon Hall, Maldon, of more than  
300 acres, taken Holy Orders, and  
become curate at Purligh, near  
Chelmsford.Two of the crew of the Cockenzie  
fishing boat "Pioneer" were washed  
overboard during a gale off East  
Wemyss on the Firth of Forth  
coast, but were rescued in an ex-  
hausted condition. One man was  
seriously injured.Over 80,000 Christmas and New  
Year greeting messages passed over  
the submarine cables of the East-  
ern Associated Telegraph Com-  
panies between Dec. 15 and Dec.  
31, an increase over the previous  
year's figures of 12,700.The prospectus of the Imperial  
College of Tropical Agriculture, St.  
Augustine Trinidad, for the year  
1928-29, with which is included the  
Principal's report for the year  
1926-27, has been sent to the "China  
Mail" which acknowledges receipt  
with thanks.Although 21 days' prior residence  
in Scotland is now necessary be-  
fore a marriage can be legally per-  
formed at Gretna Green, the Scot-  
tish border village, about 100  
marriages were celebrated over the  
anvil in the old blacksmith's shop  
there last year.John Harvey, who was granted a  
free pardon by the French Govern-  
ment after being sentenced to eight  
years' imprisonment for desertion  
from the French Foreign Legion, is  
to appear with Miss Betty Chester  
at the Victoria Palace in a sketch  
dealing with the Foreign Legion.A company has been formed to  
transform the Grand Hotel, North-  
umberland Avenue, W.C.,  
which stands on what Sir Robert  
Peel nearly 100 years ago described  
as the finest site in Europe, into  
shops, offices, and an arcade run-  
ning from the Strand to North-  
umberland Avenue.Nee Nang-sao, aged 29, a seaman,  
of the steamer "Glenbeg," was  
ordered at East Ham Police Court  
on Jan. 17 to pay £9 5s. for illegally  
harbouring and concealing on board  
5½ lbs. of silk tissue and seven  
silk handkerchiefs. Sao said that  
he bought the silk at Yokohama at  
2s. a yard, and that it would be  
worth anything from 10s. to 14s. a  
yard in England.The Hotel Riviera at Macao's  
Prais Grande is continuing to fill  
an important place as a social  
centre. Tea dances and dinner  
dances have become a feature of  
the social entertainments provided,  
and visitors to Macao continue to  
find this fine hostelry a great con-  
venience. It is believed that two  
parties of tourists expected next  
month will be guided in their visit  
to Macao by the hotel staff.Essex Education Committee are  
to erect a county high school for  
boys at Leyton at a cost of £50,000.The suggestion that the name of  
Eilatree, Hertfordshire, should be  
changed to Hollywood has been  
abandoned.The appointment of M. Otto  
Schmidt, editor of the Soviet  
Encyclopedia, as Soviet Ambas-  
sador to Italy in succession to  
Kamenev, is officially confirmed.A constable, whose attention was  
drawn by an excited flock of sea-  
gulls over the river Itchen, at  
Southampton, saw a shoal of fish  
in the river. He called boatmen,  
who netted nearly 4cwt of mullet.Samuel H. Colton, of Philadel-  
phia, Pa., who has been named for  
the presidency of the United States  
Law Tennis Association to suc-  
ceed H. W. Morse, is the organ-  
ization and he is opposed for the  
office of presidency. Mr. Colton is  
vice-president of the Germantown  
Cricket Club.A chance raid by the police on a  
house in Chinatown, Pennyfields,  
was described at London Sessions  
on Jan. 11, when the occupier,  
Cheng Shu-on, aged 35, a student,  
pleaded guilty to permitting the  
house to be used for gaming, and  
James Loong, aged 51, the manager,  
pleaded guilty to assisting to con-  
duct the business of the house.  
Loong was bound over, and Cheng  
Shu-on was sentenced to fourteen  
days' imprisonment and recom-  
mended for deportation.Maria Muller, prima donna of the  
Berlin State Theatre, who is on her  
way to America, where she will  
become a member of the Metropol-  
itan Opera Company in New York.  
She is rated as one of the foremost  
singers in Europe.Among the chief acquisitions  
made by the Trustees of the British  
Museum recently and approved by  
the Standing Committee is a gift  
from Mr. H. J. Oppenheim of a  
specimen of Chinese pottery of the  
Han Dynasty, representing a  
watchdog with open jaws and up-  
lifted head, as if barking. A large  
Japanese colour print in three  
sections, representing a boating  
party, by Choki, has been given by  
Mr. C. S. Gullbenkian. Another  
print, "Boating at Night," by  
Shunzan, and a number of Japanese  
illustrated books have been pre-  
sented by Sir Herbert Thompson.It is announced that the first  
chief executive officer for the new  
cruiser "Kent" is to be Captain J.  
Wolfe-Murray, D.S.O., who has  
been in command of the "Ark  
Royal" and in charge of the Re-  
serve Minesweepers since August,  
1926. It is also stated that Cap-  
tain Murray will become Flag Cap-  
tain to Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald  
Z. Tyrwhitt, Commander-in-Chief,  
China, on the transfer of flag. The  
"Kent" is one of a batch of five  
10,000-ton cruisers of the 1924-25  
programme, and she is due for com-  
pletion in May. The "Kent" is  
armed with eight 8-in. and four 4-  
in. H.A. guns, and has a speed of  
over 32 knots.Sir Harry Lauder has given the  
Lord Provost of Edinburgh £1,350  
for three Lady Lauder Pensions for  
aged poor.Teachers of Siamese and of  
Tibetan are required for the  
School of Oriental Studies (Uni-  
versity of London).Recovered from Mimma Wash,  
South Mimms, a body is believed  
to be that of a Japanese named  
Tugimoto, of Elgin-avenue, Pad-  
dington.Conditions of the Lewis Berger  
Scholarship of £60, in the Royal  
Society for the Encouragement of  
Arts, Manufactures and Commerce,  
London, have been announced.An official Russian statement  
contradicts the report of the ar-  
rest of the Chinese Charge  
d'Affaires in Moscow and of two  
members of the Legation Staff.An advertiser in "The Times"  
wants photographs of Russian  
torpedo boat destroyers that were  
actually engaged in the Port Ar-  
thur and Vladivostok operations  
during the Russo-Japanese war.The programme at the Queen's  
Theatre to-morrow will include the  
latest Felix the Cat Cartoon, "Felix  
Trips Through Toyland," which  
will be found to be quite the best  
of its kind yet screened in the  
Colony.The man found mutilated on the  
Charing Cross Railway Bridge on  
Jan. 3 has been identified as Robert  
Raymond Pettigrew, aged 25, re-  
turned recently from service in  
China, where he was a bandsman  
in the Border Regiment.The annual Carnival festival at  
Macao on the eve of the Lenten  
Season will be just as actively  
enjoyed this year as usual, and  
there are signs that the festivities  
will be on an even larger scale than  
customary.Mr. Bugg and Mr. and Mrs.  
Hercombe left Calcutta on Jan. 6  
in a ship's lifeboat, 30 ft. long, in an  
attempt to reach Australia. They  
go via Penang, Singapore, and  
Java, and hope to complete the  
journey within two months.In 1910, writes "Saepius," I  
bought a watch at Weltevreden,  
Java. The first time it wanted  
attention was in 1926, when I took  
it into a shop in Holborn and was  
served by the same assistant who  
had sold me the watch in Java 16  
years earlier.Prominent among the paintings  
included in the Iveagh Bequest,  
now being exhibited at the Royal  
Academy, is Frans Hals' "Man with  
the Cane." This is described as a  
portrait of Pieter van der Broecke,  
of Antwerp, founder of Batavia,  
who died in 1641.Owing to the engineer work pro-  
ceeding in Clayton Tunnel, near  
Brighton, some of the Southern  
Railway evening trains are being  
diverted by way of Lewes, follow-  
ing which through trains will  
arrive at Brighton and London  
about 15 minutes late.The council of the Royal Sanitary  
Institute has appointed a special  
committee to ascertain in what  
direction research in connection  
with the purification of sewage is  
most needed, and what agencies are  
available for conducting, encourag-  
ing, and co-ordinating it.Nine women of Rathfriland,  
County Down, Ireland, have, by a  
decision in the Supreme Court in  
the United States, been declared  
heirresses to one-third of the  
£100,000 fortune left by Mr. Jeff-  
erson Foyle, of Rathfriland, who died  
at Farmer City, Illinois.In connection with the researches  
into the properties and structure of  
wood carried on by the Imperial  
Forestry Institute at Oxford dur-  
ing the past year it is noted that  
Prof. Kanehira of Japan sent 64  
specimens to the type collection.  
Malaya was represented at the  
various studies, and of the post  
graduate probationers one was  
destined for Malaya.The President of the Amsterdam  
Chamber of Commerce in his re-  
view of the year says: With the  
exception of Canton, one might say  
that the position in China is some-  
what quieter than a year ago. In  
the now very faintly nationalistic  
movements, however, it is difficult  
to discern any attempt at forming  
a stable or progressive Government.Booking is now open at Moutrie's  
and the Star Theatre for the  
musical recital to be given by  
Robert and Anatole Kitain, talented  
violinist and pianist, in the Star  
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## SPORTS

## RACING IN CHINA.

IS IT A SPORT OR A DISGRACE?

## HANKOW CRITICISM.

Racing, one of the most popular of local sports, raises each Spring and Autumn a large sum of money which not only goes far to pay the expenses of the various Clubs that engage in this sport, but almost invariably pays handsome dividends to the owners and ponies engaged in it, says the "Hankow Herald."

Ponies are brought into Hankow from the North by Chinese horse dealers, and prices for them paid by members of local Race Clubs range from one hundred to a thousand dollars, and sometimes more.

These ponies, with few exceptions, bring large returns on their investment, and a stable of a few ponies of varying merit usually averages a good profit at the end of each season.

At the end of each season, ponies whose money making possibilities are low are sold at public auction, and are bought in almost entirely by local carriage drivers. From that moment the life of these ponies is a hell on earth.

Poorly fed, mostly on straw, suffering from sores and other illnesses which are never attended; beaten cruelly and driven to exhaustion from early morning to late at night; pulling loads of six and more passengers, which is far too great for their tiny bodies; and continually whipped by their drivers with a callousness only to be found in the East, which tears their skin from their backs and leaves ugly open festers.

"Hellish Slavery."

The sale of these ponies at auction, where they are bought for the slow torture of the native carriage shafts, usually brings from thirty to fifty dollars a pony. How owners of racing stables can sell into such hellish slavery ponies which have helped to fatten out their bank accounts, and which—unless their hearts are of utter stone—must have found at least a small place in their affections, is difficult to fathom. To sell them for a great price would be bad enough—temptation as it might be; but to sell them as they do, to such a future, is an act of meanness scarcely human.

## RUGBY.

## HOW SCOTLAND DEFEATED FRANCE.

## GOOD DRIBBLING TELLS.

The thirteenth Rugby match between France and Scotland ended in a big success for Scotland by 5 tries to 2 tries. It was singular that D. D. Drysdale, A. Dykes, and Haget all failed with their goal kicks.

There was more method among the Scotsmen, and quick healing by the pack enabled P. S. Dwyer and H. Greenlee to open up the game repeatedly. Generally these concerted movements were directed to the left wing, where Dykes and W. Simmers combined with effective results.

Simmers was very fast and also reliable in defence, but had a handful in Dunsen's, his opposite number, who was seldom mastered.

The Frenchmen were desperate and continually scrappy in their methods, but as a defending team their marking and tackling were something to enthrall over.

The Scottish halves had better chances to shine, but Haget and Daudignon made a number of openings, and had their three-quarters supported them the difference in the scoring would not have been so great.

Frenchmen Nonplussed.

One feature of the Scottish play which nonplussed the Frenchmen was their dribbling, and in this respect J. M. Bannerman and W. Ferguson, and later J. D. Scott, were well to the fore.

Both backs were safe, but Drysdale was the more reliable. He had a great deal of work in the first half, during which period play reached a higher standard than later.

Simmers (as the result of open work), Haget (winning a race for the ball kicked over the Scottish line), J. Paterson (after a Scottish dribble), and Dykes (from a combined movement) all scored in the first half.

Afterwards Dwyer and Scott increased the Scottish score. Brannan, at the end of a thrilling run, was the final scorer.

Probably there has never been such a large number of spectators at a Rugby match at Colombus, but, as usual, the larger proportion were ignorant of the game, and there were frequent and untimely outbursts of disapproval of decisions given by Mr. McGrath, of Ireland.

The referee, certainly, was ultra-strict and used his whistle with irritating frequency.

## WATERLOO CUP.

"WHITE COLLAR" WINS FINAL.

## A LADY OWNER.

London, Yesterday.

At Altcar, the Waterloo Cup coursing final, Mrs. Sofer Whitburn's White Collar beat Lt. Col. Sir John Humphrey's Hastings.

Betting was 100 to 30 on the owner.—Reuter.

## SERVICE BOXING.

## COMMAND TOURNAMENT RESULTS.

## POINTS FOR UNITS.

The South China Command boxing tournament was continued at Whitfield Barracks last night and will be concluded to-night.

The 2nd Batt. Scots Guards displaced the 2nd King's Own Scottish Borderers in the lead on points awarded to units. The former now have 45 and the latter 42. The Queen's Regiment are next with 36. Last night's results follow:—

**Bantamweights.**  
1st round: Pte. McConnell (K.O.S.B.) knocked out Pte. Tidy (Queen's) in the second round.

**Featherweights.**  
2nd round: Sgt. Hooper (Queen's) beat Pte. Hume (K.O.S.B.) in the first round, the latter being disqualified; L/C. Berry (Queen's) beat L/C. Lynwood (Queen's) on points.

**Welterweights.**  
2nd round: Pte. Carney (K.O.S.B.) beat L/C. Hills (Scots Guards) on points; Guardsman Johnston (Scots Guards) beat Pte. Joyce (Queen's) on points; Pte. Boyer (K.O.S.B.) knocked out Guardsman Hodges (Scots Guards) in the first round; Guardsman Hand (Scots Guards) beat Pte. Frost (Queen's) on points.

**Middleweights.**  
2nd round: Drummer Woolward (Scots Guards) beat Pte. Woolley (K.O.S.B.) who retired in the first round; L/C. Finlayson (K.O.S.B.) knocked out Guardsman Holmes (Scots Guards) in the second round; Pte. Lansdale (Queen's) knocked out Guardsman Campbell (Scots Guards) in the second round; Sgt. Hill (Scots Guards) beat Guardsman Bruce (Scots Guards) on points.

**Light-heavyweight.**  
1st round: Guardsman Purdie (Scots Guards) beat Guardsman Johnson (Scots Guards) on points; L/C. Woods (Scots Guards) knocked out L/C. Rush (Queen's) in the second round; Pte. Smith (K.O.S.B.) received a walk-over from Gunner Coe (R.A.); Pte. Welsh (Queen's) received a walk-over from Gunner Daniels (R.A.).

## TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Play in the Club championship singles of the Hong Kong Cricket Club annual lawn tennis tournament begins on Monday. The other events in the tournament commence on March 1. Monday's fixtures are:—

Rev. F. P. W. Alexander v. Major W. B. Stevenson.  
A. D. Humphreys v. W. D. Fiddes Wilson.  
J. E. Henry v. H. R. Remington.

## POLO.

## THE 1928 HURLINGHAM SEASON.

## PROVISIONAL FIXTURES.

The polo manager of the Hurlingham Club, Brig-General T. H. S. Marchant, has issued a provisional list of fixtures for the 1928 season. The opening competition will be the Spring Handicap Tournament, which is to be played on the club's spare ground at Worcester Park, Surrey, from April 30 to May 5. From May 14 to 26 the initial competition for the weekly challenge cup and the decision of the Whitney Cup tournament will take place. The latter trophy, which was presented by Mr. Harry Payne Whitney in 1910, to commemorate America's first victory in the international matches for the Westchester cup in the previous year, and which has been won for the last two years by the 17th-21st Lancers (Messrs. R. B. B. Cooke, H. C. Walford, H. W. Forester, and Lieut.-Colonel Vivian Lockett), is played for simultaneously at Hurlingham and Roehampton. The final takes place alternately at the two clubs, this season's fixture being marked for Hurlingham.

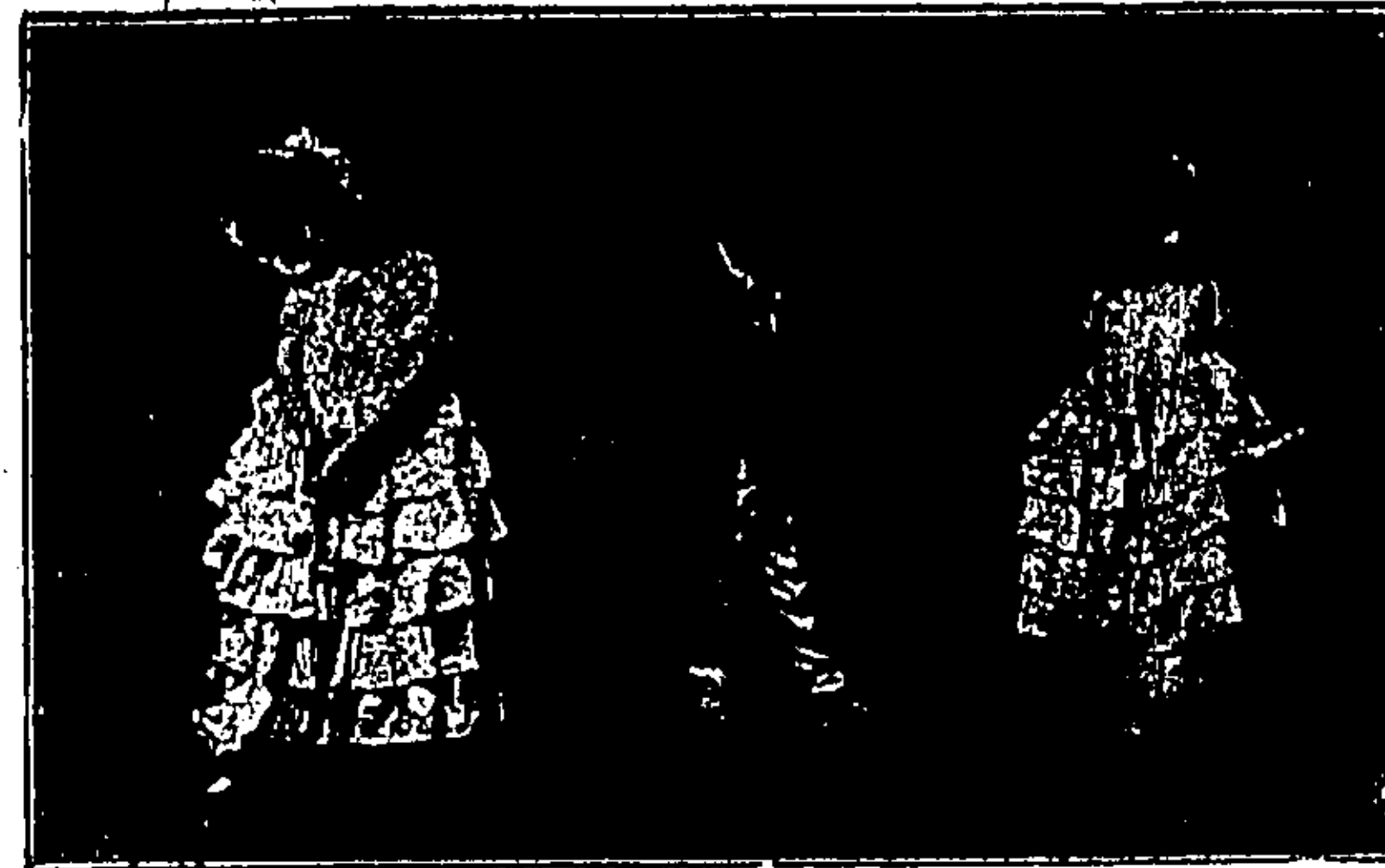
Derby Week will see the decision of the Cicero Cup tournament at Worcester Park. The challenge cup, which was won last season by Colonel Casares's El Palomar side (Mr. L. R. S. Holway, Captain J. H. Hirsch, Senior S. M. Casares, and Colonel S. A. Casares), was presented by the Earl of Rosebery to signalise the victory of his colt, Cicero, in the 1905 Derby. Teams may not have an aggregate handicap of more than 15 points, and no player's rating may be more than five points. Between June 18-23 the Visitors' Handicap tournament will be held, and the following week sees the Champion Cup played for. The latter contest was instituted in 1876, and is the world's senior polo tournament. Last season Mr. Stephen Sanford, who had the assistance of Captain C. T. I. Reark, Wing-Commander P. K. W. Wise, and Major J. F. Harrison, won the forty-eighth cup.

The semi-finals and final of the Inter-Regimental Tournament, the blue ribbon of Army polo, will be fought out between July 4-7. The final in 1927 will be long remembered by all who witnessed it, for the Royal Artillery (Mr. B. J. Fowler, Captain H. G. Morrison, Mr. J. C. Campbell, and Captain C. W. Allfrey) defeated the 17th-21st Lancers, who had a sequence of seven victories to their credit, by the odd goal of thirteen after a most exciting game. A new tournament will be introduced into the Hurlingham programme this season, this being the Guest (High Handicap) Challenge Cup competition. The trophy, which has been given by Captain the Hon. Frederick Guest, is confined to teams that have taken part in the Champion Cup tournament. It is, however, to be played under handicap, with a minimum of twenty-four points per team, and the cup may be withheld if three teams do not compete. Teams will be handicapped on the basis of the fact that a substitute of lower handicap may be played. The date of decision will be June 28 to July 7.

**Empire Challenge Cup.**  
The following week is set for the Empire Challenge Cup and the Tyro Cup tournaments. The former is to be played for the first time this season, last year having

failed to produce more than one team eligible to compete. The cup was given by the Prince of Wales in 1926 to encourage the game throughout the British Empire, and is open for competition to teams— one of which must always be a Hurlingham Club side composed exclusively of Englishmen—representing the various countries within the Empire. It is highly probable that three teams will take part this season, these being a Hurlingham side, an Irish team, and an Indian team which is to be sponsored by the Nawab of Bhopal. The Tyro Challenge Cup was presented by Major Cecil Peters, one of the oldest members of Hurlingham, in 1921, and the same conditions as regards handicaps are observed as in the Cicero Cup contest.

Since the Social Clubs' Cup Tournament has been placed at the tail-end of the Hurlingham fixture list, a considerable dropping-off in the number of entries has been noticed. The inaugural contest in 1897 was won by White's Club, and they have six additional victories to



Clever Babes, pupils at the Capell School of Dancing.

their credit. Other clubs that have been successful are the Raleigh Club (1898), Nimrod (1899), Pitt Club, Cambridge (1900), Orleans (1901-2), Cavalry (1903-14), Bath (1910-1920), Argentine (1912), R.A.C. (three times), and Buck's (five times). The tournament is open to teams composed of members of recognised social clubs in London or the country, there being no restrictions as to players being members of Hurlingham, but the aggregate handicap of a team may not exceed twenty-six points. Another fixture is the Hurlingham League, for teams with a total handicap of not less than twenty-two points, the scoring being on the lines of the Association Football Championship, with medals for the teams with the greatest number of points. Last season the Duke of Penaranda's El Gordo combination were the champions. In addition to the foregoing events, dates are to be allotted for the annual horse and polo pony show, the Villavieja Century Cup match, and the Inter-University match. The last-named will be played for the forty-fourth time, the Dark Blues having won twenty matches and Cambridge twenty-three.—"Daily Telegraph."

Leading goal-scopers in London's professional League clubs in mail week were:—Landells (Millwall) 19; Thompson (Chelsea) and Elliott (Fulham) 16 each; Goddard (Rangers) 13; Brain (Arsenal) 12; Phillips (Millwall) 11; Osborne ('Spurs), Ruffell (West Ham), Dennison (Orient) 10 each.

## FANLING GOLF.

## R.H.K.C.C. TEEING-OFF TIMES.

## TO-MORROW'S PLAYERS.

Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times at Fanling to-morrow are as follows:—  
9.24 a.m. F. G. Fowle, B. MacMahon.  
9.28 " H. G. Hegarty, E. Davidson.  
9.32 " H. F. Bloxham, F. J. de Rome.  
9.36 " W. A. Cornell, E. Stone.  
9.40 " S. A. Arthur, E. C. Frederick.  
9.44 " R. P. Moodle, R. A. Green.  
9.48 " A. N. Spencer, A. P. Bungey.  
9.52 " A. Lench, F. Cowherd.  
9.56 " F. A. Perry, R. Bailey.  
10.00 " C. B. Brown, H. A. Mills.  
10.04 " T. L. Christie, L. R. Andrews.  
10.08 " E. R. Hallifax, E. D. Matthews.

## PICTURED FACE.

## TRANSFORMED INTO SOUND WAVES.

## ACROSS ATLANTIC.

London, Feb. 9.

A pale picture of a face, which looked as though it were printed on a cloth fluttering in the breeze, was projected to-day on the wall of the London headquarters of the Baird Television Company. This "pilot image," which was merely a dummy head, was turned into sound waves and sent droning like a bee across the Atlantic, to be retranned into a vision seen by a group of people in a darkened basement at Hartsdale, New York.

The latter, after tuning-in their receiving apparatus with the aid of the transmitted dummy, then watched the movements of human hands. First they saw the inventor of the television, Mr. Baird himself, in a room flooded with light. He faced a small square window apparently covered by a thin curtain, which seemed to be agitated by a violent wind. Mr. Baird turned his head from left to right and advanced and retreated in obedience to mysterious directions uttered by a loud-speaker. Then Reuter's representative was similarly "transmitted."—Reuter.

## REPORT FROM U.S.

Hartsdale, N.Y., Feb. 9.

The movements of two people in a London laboratory were watched for over half an hour here to-day. The images were crude and broken but, nevertheless, plainly visible. The "vision" sound was transmitted on a short-wave wireless set, the buzzing, irregular cadence representing in sound the lights and shadows of the faces of the two people in London.—Reuter's American Service.

## POLAR FLIGHT.

## SMALL BOAT PURCHASED.

Oslo, Dec. 29.

Commander R. E. Byrd has purchased the steamer "Samson" (278 tons), in preparation for his South Polar flight.

Mr. Woo Hang-kam (Mr. H. K. Woo, the solicitor) has been appointed a member of the Education Board as from Feb. 8 in place of the late Dr. Wan Man-kai.

The forthcoming weddings are announced of Mr. Albert Edward Kow (merchant), residing at No. 7A, Macdonald Road, to Miss Nancy Joyce Ho of "The Hermitage," 42, Kennedy Road; Mr. Frederick Charles Stevens, of the Chinese Maritime Customs, to Miss Wan Hoy-in of No. 511, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

## LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, Yesterday.

Paris	121 1/2
New York	4.87 7/16
Brussels	35.02
Geneva	25.34
Amsterdam	12.11 1/2
Milan	92.05
Berlin	20.48
Stockholm	18.16
Copenhagen	18.20
Oslo	18.31
Vienna	34.605
Prague	164 1/2
Helsingfors	198 1/2
Madrid	28.79
Lisbon	2 19/64
Athens	38 1/2
Bucharest	79 1/2
Rio	5 69/64
Buenos Aires	47 29/32
Bombay	1/5 15/16
Shanghai	2/6 1/2
Hong Kong	2/0 1/2
Yokohama	1/11 1/16
Silver Spot	26 1/2
Silver Forward	28 5/16

—British Wireless Service.

## FOK'S SEVERE FALL.

A Chinese employee of the Tai-koo Dockyard Company yesterday broke his left thigh as a result of a severe fall from a stage erected for the construction of a vessel. He was removed to the Government Civil Hospital, where he is said to be progressing favourably.

## DAIRY FARM DIVIDEND.

Subject to audit the Directors of the Dairy Farm Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd., propose paying a Dividend of \$1.25 per share, to write off Plant and Buildings \$119,435.79 and from Share Investments \$212,232.06.

Tenders for the supply of summer uniform for Revenue Officers are called for in the current issue of the "Gazette."

The name of Mr. J. S. Dykes, Licentiate in Dental Surgery of the University of St. Andrews, Scotland, has been added to the local dental register.

Mr. R. J. Everest, with Mrs. Everest and family, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday on the "Kashmir" after a holiday at Home. Mr. Everest is in the Public Works Department.

At yesterday's meeting of the committee of the Hong Kong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, the secretary, Mr. Ip Lan-tsun, announced his intention of resigning giving as his reason pressure of private business. He stated that having served sixteen years, he thought he should stand aside for someone else. The resignation was not accepted. The meeting urged Mr. Ip to continue in office.

## MONEY &amp; SHARES.

## TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

## On London.

Bank wire ..... 2 1/2  
Bank on demand ..... 2 1/2-8/16  
Bank 30 days' sight ..... 2 1/2  
Bank 4 months' sight ..... 2 1/2  
Credits 4 months' sight ..... 2 1/2  
Documentary 4 months' sight ..... 2 1/2

## On Paris.

On demand ..... 1245  
Credits 4 months' sight 1920

## On Berlin.

On demand ..... 40 1/2  
Credits 60 days' sight 50 1/2

## On Bombay.

On demand ..... 134 1/2  
Wire ..... 134 1/2

## On Calcutta.

Wire ..... 134 1/2  
On demand ..... 134 1/2

## On Singapore.

On demand ..... 86

## On Manila.

On demand ..... 98 1/2

## On Shanghai.

On demand ..... 78 1/2  
30 days' sight (private paper) ..... 78 1/2

## On Yokohama.

Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tal) ..... 104  
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) ..... 0.60  
Silver (per oz.) ..... 26 1/4

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## THE SHARE MARKET.

## Stock.

T.T. on London ..... 2 1/2-1/4  
T.T. on Shanghai ..... 78 1/2

## Bank.

Hongkong Bank ..... \$1255 b 1280 aa  
do. Lun. Reg. ..... \$121 1/2 b  
Chartered Bank ..... \$121 1/2 b  
Mercantile A. & B. .... \$121 1/2 b  
do. C. .... \$114 n  
P. & O. Bank ..... \$110 n  
Bank of East Asia ..... \$73 1/2 b

## Insurance.

Canton Insurance ..... \$625 b  
Union Insurance ..... \$413 b  
North China Insurance \$143 n  
Yangtze Insurance ..... \$1546 1/2 b  
China Underwriters ..... \$234 n  
China Fire Insurance \$215 n  
H.K. Fire Insurance ..... \$985 b

## Shipping.

Douglas ..... \$43 b  
H.K. Steamboats ..... \$27 b  
M.K. Tugs & Lighters \$24 b 2.90 a  
Indo-China (Pref.) ..... \$384 b  
do. (Def.) ..... \$40 n  
Shell Transports ..... \$77 n  
Water-boat ..... \$17 b

## Mining.

Benguet ..... \$27 b  
Kailan Mining Ad. .... \$67 b  
Langkato (Combined) \$18 1/2 b  
do. (Single) ..... \$10 b  
Shanghai Exploration \$245 a  
Shanghai Loans ..... \$245 a  
Raub ..... \$44 n  
Tronoh Mines ..... \$17/6 b

## Decks, Wharves.

Gedowin, &c. .... \$139 a  
H.K. & W. Dock ..... \$50 a  
China Providents ..... \$103 a  
Hongkong ..... \$103 a  
New Engineering ..... \$5 b  
Shanghai Docks ..... \$97 n

## Ewo Cottens.

Oriental Cottens ..... \$22 b  
S'hai Cottens (Old) ..... \$45 b  
do. (new) ..... \$22 1/2 b

## Lands, Hotels &amp; Bldgs.

H.K. & S. Hotels ..... \$8 1/2 b 8 1/2/60 aa  
Hongkong Lands ..... \$44 1/2 (84 1/2/65 aa)

## Shanghai Lands.

Humphreys Estates ..... \$14 1/2 b  
Hongkong Realities ..... \$8.80 b  
H.K. Territorials ..... \$1 n  
Prince's Buildings ..... \$1 n

## Public Utilities.

H.K. Tramways ..... \$28 b 26 1/2 a  
Peak Trams (old) ..... \$14 n  
do. (new) ..... \$6 1/2 n

## Star Ferries.

China Lights (comb.) \$16 1/2 a  
do. (old) ..... \$13 1/2 n  
do. (new) ..... \$9 1/2 n

## H.K. Electric.

H.K. Electric ..... \$78 b 72/73 aa  
Macao Electric ..... \$21 b  
H.K. Telephones ..... \$4.35 a  
China Buses ..... \$74 n  
Singapore Tractions ..... \$17 n

## Industrials.

China Sugars ..... \$10 aa  
Malayan Sugars ..... \$27 1/2 b  
Canton Ice ..... \$4 b  
Cements (comb.) ..... \$10 1/2 b 10/70 aa  
do. (old) ..... \$10 n  
do. (new) ..... \$11 1/2 n  
H.K. Paper (old) ..... \$9.70/80 aa  
do. (new) ..... \$4 b  
United Alabsters ..... \$10 a

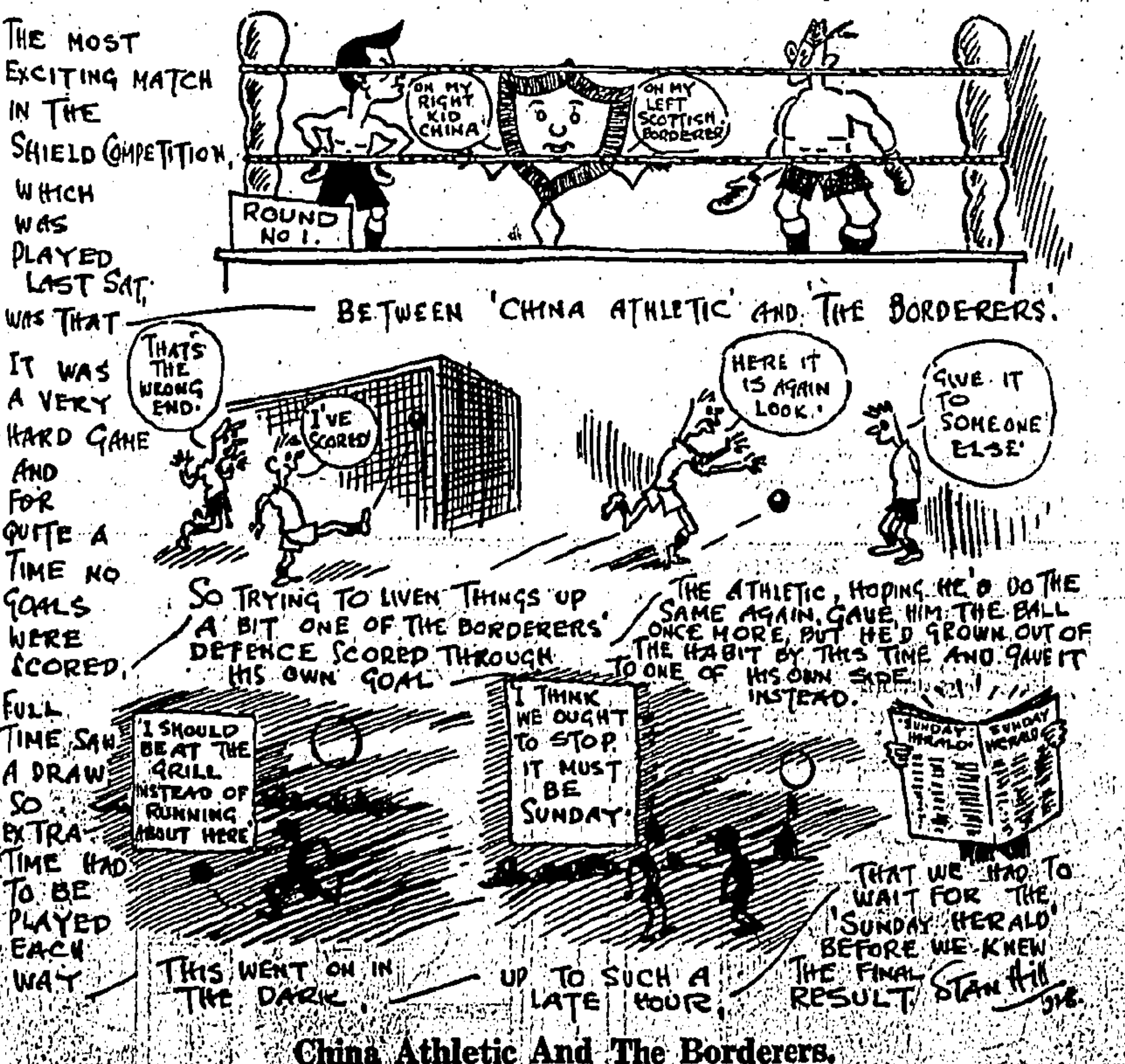
## Stores, &amp;c.

Dairy Farms ..... \$19 b 19 1/2 aa  
Watsons ..... \$12.80 b  
On A. Wilson ..... \$8 a  
Pine, Crawford ..... \$12 a  
Jackintosh ..... \$22 a  
Sincera ..... \$9 b  
Wm. Powells ..... \$5 n

## Miscellaneous.

H.K. Amusements ..... \$29 b  
H.K. Constructions ..... \$12 b  
R. Ind. G. Bonds ..... 60%  
H. K. Govt. Loans ..... 5% Prem. b

## THE SOCCER SHIELD.



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The four cylinders and the crankcase are cast en bloc, the cylinder head is detachable, and can be removed without disturbing either the inlet or exhaust manifolds. The side valve engine, which is in unit with the centrally controlled three-speed gear box and clutch, has a bore and stroke of 56.5 m.m. and 83 m.m. respectively, which give a capacity of 832 cc. and a rating of 7.9 h.p. The camshaft is driven in circuit with the magneto by roller chain, tension being controlled by a patented automatic jockey pulley; the dynamo, on the nearside, being independently chain driven. For easy access to the tappets a detachable valve cover is provided on the near side. A three-bearing crankshaft—a very unusual feature for a power unit of under 850 cc. capacity—is incorporated. Thrust is taken by the centre bearing and steel connecting rods of H. Section are used in conjunction with aluminium alloy die-cast pistons having two rings at the top and a scraper ring at the base of the skirt. The pistons and connecting rods can be withdrawn when both the cylinder head and the oil sump are removed, either through the cylinder bores or past the crankshaft. The gudgeon pins are fixed in the little end of connecting rods.

There is a pressure oil feed to crankshaft, camshaft (three bearings) and big ends by means of a spur-gear pump in the pressed steel sump and oil from the release valve directly lubricates the chain drives. The oil capacity of the sump is half a gallon, a dip stick and large size oil filler are provided.  
A vertical type Amac carburettor is used. Cooling, which is by thermo-siphon, is assisted by a two-blade fan, and there are adequate water connections to the top and bottom radiator tanks. The radiator possesses a pleasing appearance and ample cooling area. A single gear with multiple springs and long dry plate type of clutch is used toggle levers provide light control. The gearbox has three forward speeds and reverse, the mainshaft and layshaft running on ball and roller bearings respectively.  
Gear Ratios fitted to 2-Seaters, Tourers and Saloons are as follows:—2-Seaters: 6.25, 9.66, 17.06 and 22.75 reverse. Tourers: 5.76, 10.45, 18.64 and 24.91 reverse. Saloons: 6.25, 11.36, 20.31 and 27.08 reverse.  
The drive from the gearbox to axle is by enclosed tubular shaft the underslung worm drive rear in a torque tube integral with the back axle. The positive speedometer drive is located at the front end of the torque tube. A substantial Hardy flexible type universal joint is used between the gearbox and propeller shaft front end which is centralised by a special device.  
The braking is another interesting feature and unique for such a car. Hydraulically operated four-wheel brakes are incorporated and all wheel brake drums are 9 1/2 ins. in diameter. The self-acting master cylinder is mounted on the chassis frame and is operated directly by a foot pedal. Pipes leading from the master cylinder are taken along the frame to unions, whence the pressure is conveyed to the operating mechanism within the brake drums by means of special

**LITTLE COMEDY.**  
**THE COY CAR OF A WOMAN M.P.**  
NO TRAMS OR TRAINS.

This is the Westminster comedy. Of the car that would not go. The woman M.P. who said it must be the Minister of the Crown who tried to make it go. The eminent K. C. who lent a hand. The two M.P.s who did make it go.  
"Who goes home?"  
The cry resounds through the lobbies and the corridors of the House of Commons.  
It is 2.28 a.m.  
Last trams and trains have gone as M.P.s step into Palace Yard, swept by wind and rain.  
"I'll give you a lift home," says Miss Wilkinson, who drives a small car, to her colleagues, Mr. W. Mackinder and Mr. Tom Williams.  
Gratefully they accept, and the three cross the yard to the arches where Miss Wilkinson's car is sheltered. She turns on the petrol, floods the carburettor, presses the self-starter. Nothing happens.  
"It's run down," she says. "I'll start with the handle."  
The handle has become a convert to car canny.  
"The cogs are slipping or something," says the car owner.  
"Get Her Moving."  
The men M.P.s look on helplessly but hopelessly. What's to be done?  
"Only one thing," says Miss Wilkinson. "We must get her moving and then she will fire."  
Two sturdy men and the woman put their shoulders to the car to move it. It is a small car, but there is a steep incline and a tricky bend leading to the level of the Yard.  
Valiantly the three M.P.s push, but the car is still recalcitrant.  
"Can I be of any assistance?" asks a very tall man, politely.  
"Yes. Lend a hand. Push!" says one of the breathless three.  
Minister Intervenes.  
Mr. H. R. Birtwistle, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Labour, 6ft. high, and strong, adds his own weight, and the prestige of a Minister of the Crown to the motive force. In a twinkling the car is in Palace Yard.  
Mr. Birtwistle raises his silk hat, says "Good-night!"  
"Now we'll be all right," says Miss Wilkinson.  
"I'll get into the car, put her in gear, and keep the clutch out. You two push the car round the yard as fast as you can go. I'll let the clutch in when there is speed on, and she should fire all right."  
Two already well-nigh breathless M.P.s again brace their shoulders against the baby car. Off they go at a merry pace.  
All in vain. The car simply slows down.  
The law now takes a hand—a distinguished K.C., Mr. R. Mitchell Banks, Conservative M.P. for Swindon, joins the others, and three man power tries to compel seven horse power into action.  
Nothing doing! Down by the main gates the declivity gives impetus, but still no spark.  
They are entering on the third lap almost spent.  
In goes the clutch again, and this time there is a welcome splutter as the engine begins to roar.  
The three M.P.s wipe their fevered brows; a great cheer rises from the spectators. The engine is running merrily now.  
Big Ben strikes three.

flexible connections. The hand brake lever applies an internal expanding brake operating in a malleable ribbed drum at the rear end of the gear-box.  
Suspension is by particularly long semi-elliptic springs at the front, while quarter elliptic rear springs are employed. Both front and rear axles are equipped with shock absorbers of the normal artillery, detachable, and to these, friction type. Wheels are steel Dunlop balloon tyres 27 by 4 ins. are fitted. The wheel base is 6 ft. 9 in. track, 3 ft. 6 in., overall length 9 ft. 10 in., and the width 4 ft. 3 in. The chassis weighs 6 1/2 cwt.  
The car has been built to provide comfortable seating accommodation for all passengers, while its speed and remarkably low running costs will prove a boon and a blessing to its owners.

**CAR BUYERS.**  
**NEW-FOUND MARKET AMONG MINORS.**  
FUTURE INFLUENCE.

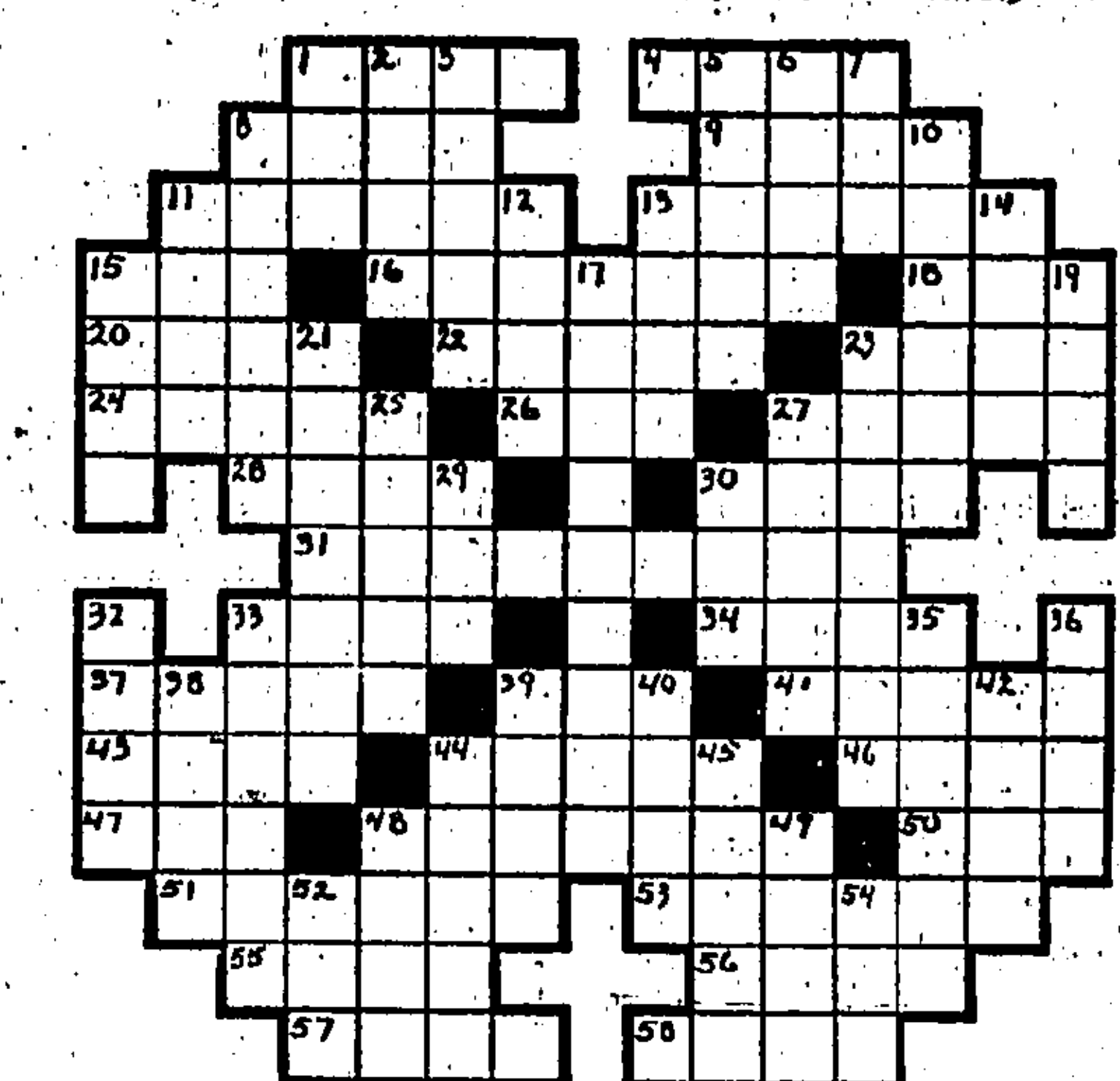
At the inception of the motor movement the majority of car buyers were under thirty years of age, for it was a pastime as strenuous as uncertain. But as soon as reliability had been reached the greater part of full-scale car buyers were middle-aged folk of means who required comfort, convenience, and the enjoyment of a facility hitherto denied them, the advent of which practically enabled them to overcome many of the inconveniences of advancing years.  
Next came the age of the car with detachable wheels and a mechanical engine-starter, of moderate power, standardised with all-weather equipment for a middle price. That brought forward the woman owner-driver. By contrast, in America her ranks were recruited originally by the production of a type of vehicle that has not succeeded notably in this country, the electrical automobile for shopping.  
A few years after its advent, however, this country pioneered the small car proper. Whereupon many a girl acted as motorman to her mother as well as using the car on her own occasions. But until small cars began to be furnished with four-five seat bodies and luggage-grids, rendering them more or less suitable for family service, the chief patrons of the movement were young men and women. Yet the woman owner-driver has only begun to make her appearance on the Continent. She is rarely encountered in Italy. But the advent of the small car in Germany, which, as a well-proved proposition, is a year old, is resulting in the appearance, as owner-drivers, of a number of girls.

**Minors As Owners.**  
In this country, when applying for a driving licence, you have merely to state whether you are under seventeen years of age, or over that age, but not your actual age. There is no question of the owner's age arising in licensing a car. Therefore it is impossible to tell what part age plays in car ownership and use. By contrast, in many of the States of America minors are not allowed to own cars. In spite of that fact, however, statistics reveal that even in such States something over seven per cent. of the total number of cars registered are owned by minors. They are chiefly boys ranging in age from seventeen to twenty-one. A large number of them own machines that are semi-wrecks and which should not be allowed on the road.  
That, however, is not any reason why young folk should not own cars that are sound mechanical propositions. Whether minors should own, as well as drive, cars is entirely a question of whether they have the means and whether they use them in responsible fashion. In America there is a sudden awakening to the importance of this section of the public which secures licences for cars with the knowledge of the authorities, in spite of the fact that in a very large proportion of these cases the law of the State in which the individual dwells does not permit of such a fact.  
So many motor cars are owned in America that seven per cent. means that 1,400,000 vehicles on the road are the property of minors. Quite probably a quarter of a million vehicles in this country are driven by young people ranging from seventeen to twenty-one years of age; but it is unlikely that as many as 50,000 are owned by minors. The figure is more likely to be about 22,000. In France, even before the war, I knew some youngsters of eighteen who had had cars for at least two years. But these were the children of very wealthy folk, and, therefore, they represented a vast minority of the population.

**What Is Available.**  
Our law allows the driving of a car at seventeen and apparently there would be no objection to a person of that age owning the car driven too. It might well be that there is a market here in catering specially for the requirements of youth, apart from the obvious scheme of offering them more or less noisy, rough riding, speed vehicles. From the industrial point of view the real question is the evolution of low-priced machines.

**DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE**

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



- HORIZONTAL**  
1-Interrogative pronoun  
4-To hide away  
8-Grained sheepskin  
9-A homeless wanderer  
11-Gracious  
12-Marked with dents  
16-A drinking vessel  
18-Motives  
19-Boy's name (Short)  
20-Metals in their original state  
22-Ceremonies  
23-Remain  
24-A piece of land  
26-Latitude (abbr.)  
27-View  
28-A group of people working for one goal  
30-German for Mister  
31-A steep cliff  
33-To boil  
34-The male deer  
37-Lavish and extravagant fondness upon  
39-A bone of the body  
**HORIZONTAL (Cont.)**  
41-Struck  
43-Always  
44-Lewis  
46-A title  
47-Take attaches in leather  
48-Dislodge  
50-Convert into leather  
51-To complain  
53-An ass  
55-A valley  
56-Two of a kind  
57-Fresh information  
58-Retained  
**VERTICAL**  
1-Achieved  
2-A filament growing on the skin  
3-A passion  
5-Double  
6-A grain (pl.)  
7-Quick humor  
8-To reiterate  
10-To shackle  
11-A briarly blossom  
12-Thin horny plate on end of a digit  
13-One who writes verse  
**VERTICAL (Cont.)**  
14-The executive head of a college  
15-A sheepfold  
17-To secure equilibrium  
19-Colored  
21-The staff of a sovereign  
23-Various weeds  
27-Denominations  
29-The cry of a cat  
30-Pronoun  
32-Poems  
33-Bolled  
35-A growth in the throat  
36-Sharp  
38-Across  
39-To utter wildly  
40-A small perforated sphere  
42-A waiter  
43-To begin over again  
45-To vent  
48-To break suddenly  
49-A cooking utensil  
54-A tub for packing

**SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES**  
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.  
(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

**YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.**  
SAMOS I L I P AMTR  
AMO A ERA I ACU  
MINUTIA SCULLER  
S UT ON A  
ANTHROPOLOGICAL  
CEN ABO ETC  
ERR TRICE SAP  
C HIS KEN A  
GAB SNARK CAT  
SAT IDIA MARI  
RAC OF EU A  
SCRIPTS PRAISES  
OUT E AVE N TRE  
NEEDS W A TRANS

a system of highways that will compare favourably with the best in any country were admirably set out in the course of an interview which the King of Spain granted the "Autocar." "Coincident with road development," said His Majesty, "improvements are also taking place in the standards of Spanish hotels, so much so that the touring motorist will be assured of finding suitable accommodation on all touring routes. By suitable accommodation I mean good meals, baths, central heating, electric light, and in a large number of towns, bedrooms with hot and cold water available. We have opened a Spanish Touring Bureau in London, and I should like you to assure readers of the 'Autocar'—which journal I know quite well—that they will find a hearty welcome in my country, and that my people will be only too anxious and happy to do all in their power to make the visits of British motorists as pleasant and comfortable as possible."  
"Observer."

**SIGN WORTH \$4,500.**  
Cadillac and La Salle in Chicago.  
A feature of the new branch building of the Cadillac Motor Car Company in Chicago is an electric sign containing 1,300 electric light bulbs of a total wattage of 12,000. The sign, one of the largest of its kind, measures 42 x 12 feet, is of steel, weighing two tons and cost the Cadillac company, \$4,500 to build.  
The sign contains the word "Cadillac" in 6 ft. letters placed perpendicular, and "La Salle" in smaller letters across the 12 ft. base. The Cadillac crest, lighted, is placed at the top and the La Salle emblem is at the bottom of the sign. It is estimated that the Cadillac electric light bill for the sign will average \$700 every month.

**BRINGING UP FATHER.**

**YOU**  
ARE INVITED TO INSPECT  
OUR STOCK OF  
ASIATIC, FOREIGN AND  
COLONIAL  
**POSTAGE STAMPS**  
In SETS, SINGLE, PACKETS,  
BAGS and APPROVAL  
SHEETS.  
**GRACA & CO.**  
Dealers in Postage Stamps,  
Philatelic Goods, Picture  
Postcards, Toys, &c.  
No. 10, WYNDHAM STREET,  
P. O. Box No. 590, HONG KONG

**OH MAGGIE.**  
JAMES TELL THAT  
NEW MAID TO SCRUB  
THE HALL STAIRS  
FIRST.

**LISTEN YOU CLOWN.**  
DON'T WANT YOU TO  
CONTINUALLY CALL ME  
MAGGIE. MY NAME IS  
MARGUERITE. DO YOU  
HEAR? NOW  
REMEMBER THAT.

**I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE  
TO TELL HER WHAT I WANT.**  
**OH MARGUERITE.**

**WHO'S CALLING  
MARGUERITE?**  
HERE I AM. HOW  
DID YOU KNOW ME?  
NAME? I'M THE NEW  
MAID.



# TO-DAY'S RACES

Gentleman Rider's Unexpected Return.

MR. "BILLY" HILL'S VICTORY.

Close Finishes In Final Day's Meeting.

POPULAR MILITARY WIN IN SUB. GRIFFINS' CHAMPIONSHIP.

Mr. "Billy" Hill, perhaps one of the greatest of China pony gentleman riders of all time, provided the sensation of the fourth day of the Hong Kong Jockey Club's annual race meeting to-day by making an unexpected appearance, riding the third-best backed pony in the sixth race, and winning in the style which has made him so popular with turfites in Shanghai, Hong Kong and elsewhere.

Heeding the "call of the East," Mr. Hill has come back after retiring in 1925 when he rode a series of astounding successes in Shanghai. Prior to that he had come down to Hong Kong regularly for the annual meeting, to ride for Mr. G. H. Potts, Mr. Ellis Hayiri, Messrs. Henry Morris and Marshall, and others.

## GOOD "TOTE" DIVIDENDS.

Four of the best of this year's Derby griffins were in the field in Mr. Hill's race. He had the best of the start, then led for most of the distance and was passed at the critical moment. Rather than battle out the issue at the last turn, Mr. Hill waited till he entered the straight and then drove his pony through a gap in a line of three and went on to win in convincing fashion. After being cheered by those who won and lost, Mr. Hill left to catch his boat.

If the attendance before lunch was below the average of the first three days of the week, it swelled after the interval and both cash sweeps and pari-mutuel were as well supported as earlier in the week.

Nearly every race provided a close finish. Fields were big enough for interest to be sustained and the ponies were sufficiently well matched. Surprises turned up fairly regularly with resulting big dividends on the tote.

The course was in about the same condition as throughout the meeting.

The proportion of ladies seemed to be bigger to-day.

The Subscription Griffins' Championship was won by Major Lake's Dumfries and this proved a popular win with the military community.

The sixth race provided an interesting tussle between four of this year's Derby griffins.

The mile race for officers of His Majesty's forces ended in a victory for Mr. Usher, who rode Warrington.

1.—"HAY AND CORN" STAKES.—winner \$400, second \$150, third \$75, for griffins of any age who have started at least twice at this meeting and have not won, weight for inches as per scale, jockey allowance, entrance \$5. Five furlongs.

Mr. C. T. C.'s Northern Stag 155 lbs. (Mr. Harriman) 1  
Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Loch Tummel 152 lbs. (Mr. Reidy) 2  
Mr. Wayfoong's Brown Jug 155 lbs. (Mr. Heard) 3  
Mr. R. M. Austin's District Call 153 lbs. (Mr. Botelho) 0

Mrs. Bernard's Barley Grass 152 lbs. (Mr. G. da Roza) 0  
Mr. P. W. Dee's Green Slip 160 lbs. (Mr. Proulx) 0  
Mr. Gubbay's Soho 160 lbs. (Mr. Pote-Hunt) 0  
Mr. E. L. Hosie's The Haugh 157 lbs. (Mr. Maitland) 0  
Major Lake & Capt. Abbott's Berwick 153 lbs. (Mr. Wolfe-Murray) 0

Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Scooter 152 lbs. (Mr. Bulteel) 0  
Mr. Richardson's Silver Fox (late Sagamore) 150 lbs. (Mr. Tyrwhitt) 0  
Mr. H. P. White's Shingle 156 lbs. (Mr. Charles) 0  
Mr. H. L. Yung's Galopin 147 lbs. (Mr. Liang) 0  
Time: 1.18.  
Neck; 1/2 length.  
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$52.00;  
Places: 1st \$8.80; 2nd \$9.30; 3rd \$6.60.

2.—"LOITERERS" STAKES.—winner \$400, second \$150, third \$75, for griffins of this meeting that have started at least twice and have not won, weight for inches as per scale, jockey allowance, entrance \$5. Five furlongs.

Mr. K. H. Kay's Comrade 163 lbs. (Mr. Pote-Hunt) 1  
Messrs. K. C. Lau and H. C. Lee's Duke of Verona 163 lbs. (Mr. Maitland) 2  
Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Boukura 155 lbs. (Mr. Bulteel) 3  
Mr. K. H.'s Chemel 158 lbs. (Mr. Loo) 0

Time: 1.14.  
3 lengths; 4 lengths.  
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$8.90;  
Places: 1st \$5.60; 2nd \$5.60.

3.—"ALL OUT" STAKES.—winner \$400, second \$150, third \$75, for all China ponies that have started at least twice at this meeting and have

not won, weight for inches as per scale, jockey allowance, entrance \$5. Five furlongs.

Mr. Dynasty's King of the Plains 160 lbs. (Mr. Haimovitch) 1  
Mr. R. M. Austin's Grey Knight 155 lbs. (Mr. Clark) 2  
Mr. Eve's Bright Eve 160 lbs. (Mr. Pote-Hunt) 3  
Messrs. Hall & Shenton's The Gohlin 158 lbs. (Mr. Sewell) 0

Mr. N. Hashim's Chick To 156 lbs. (Mr. Charles) 0  
Mr. Huen Chung's Chow Taze Lon 155 lbs. (Mr. Wong) 0  
Messrs. K. C. Lau and H. C. Lee's Duke of Artagnan (late Sunbeam Dahlia) 163 lbs. (Mr. Maitland) 0  
Mr. Tang's Sutherland 155 lbs. (Mr. Harriman) 0

Mr. F. Usher's Leongwa 152 lbs. (Mr. Usher) 0  
Messrs. F. Usher and L. Reidy's Macao Beauty 155 lbs. (Mr. Reidy) 0  
Dr. S. To Wong's Grey Eyes (late Horner) 155 lbs. (Mr. G. da Roza) 0  
Time: 1.16/5.  
Length, neck.  
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$22.30;  
Places: 1st \$10.50; 2nd \$31.80; 3rd \$16.30.

4.—TYTAM HANDICAP.—"A" Class, winner \$600, second \$200, third \$100, for subscription griffins of this meeting that have started at least twice, entrance \$10. One mile.

Mr. Moon's O'Moon 163 lbs. (Mr. Wong) 1  
Mr. H. L. Yung's Chatto 167 lbs. (Mr. Usher) 2  
Mr. C. T. C.'s Southern Stag 155 lbs. (Mr. Harriman) 3  
Mr. Carlfred's Madeira 150 lbs. (Mr. G. da Roza) 0  
Mr. P. W. Dee's Green Slip 148 lbs. (Mr. Pote-Hunt) 0  
Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes and Mr. C. Gordon Mackie's Peter 152 lbs. (Mr. Maitland) 0  
Messrs. Kong Bros.' Sea Front 148 lbs. (Mr. Proulx) 0  
Mr. Seth's Meanwhile 160 lbs. (Mr. Haimovitch) 0  
Mr. E. L. Sim's Kaa 152 lbs. (Mr. Wallace) 0

Time: 2.10/5.  
3 lengths; head.  
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$12.40;  
Places: 1st \$7.00; 2nd \$9.10; 3rd \$8.60.

5.—TYTAM HANDICAP.—"B" Class, winner \$600, second \$200, third \$100, for subscription griffins of this meeting that have started at least twice, entrance \$10. One mile.

Messrs. Stanton and Reidy's Tarzan 152 lbs. (Mr. Stanton) 1  
Mr. F. C. Hall's The Gannet 155 lbs. (Mr. Maitland) 2  
Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Loch Tay 156 lbs. (Mr. Usher) 3  
Mr. R. M. Austin's Social Call 148 lbs. (Mr. Durlacher) 0  
Mr. Carlfred's Busao 151 lbs. (Mr. G. da Roza) 0  
Mrs. R. M. Dyer's Easing Wold 155 lbs. (Mr. Miller) 0  
Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Loch London II 151 lbs. (Mr. Reidy) 0

Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Dundee 148 lbs. (Mr. Tyrwhitt) 0  
Mr. Dynasty's King Constantine 162 lbs. (Mr. Haimovitch) 0  
Mr. Ho Kom-tong's Liberty Hall 158 lbs. (Mr. Wong) 0  
Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Skipper 155 lbs. (Mr. Bulteel) 0  
Mr. John Peel's Siang River 150 lbs. (Mr. Wallace) 0  
Mr. John Peel's Little River 150 lbs. (Mr. Proulx) 0  
Mr. W. E. L. Shenton's The Grouse 148 lbs. (Mr. Sewell) 0

Mr. Union's Fook Shau 150 lbs. (Mr. Ho) 0  
Mr. H. L. Yung's Galopin 147 lbs. (Mr. Harriman) 0  
Time: 2.11/5.  
Neck; length.  
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$78.00;  
Places: 1st \$20.40; 2nd \$9.20; 3rd \$8.30.

6.—HONG KONG HANDICAP.—"A" Class, winner \$600, second \$200, third \$100, for all China ponies that have started at least twice at this meeting, entrance \$10. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Eve's Boxing Eve 163 lbs. (Mr. Hill) 1  
Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes and Mr. C. Gordon Mackie's Pickle 165 lbs. (Mr. Heard) 2  
Mr. Eve's New Year's Eve 160 lbs. (Mr. Pote-Hunt) 3  
Mr. Dynasty's Heir Apparent 163 lbs. (Mr. Haimovitch) 0  
Mr. Ho Kom-tong's Artistic Hall 145 lbs. (Mr. Loo) 0  
Mr. Ho Kom-tong's Manor Hall 150 lbs. (Mr. Wong) 0  
Time: 2.39/4/5.  
1 1/2 lengths; 1 length.  
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$25.10;  
Places: 1st \$6.60; 2nd \$6.00; 3rd \$6.00.

7.—HONG KONG HANDICAP.—"B" Class, winner \$600, second \$200, third \$100, for all China ponies that have started at least twice at this meeting, entrance \$10. One mile and a quarter.

Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Dobbin 160 lbs. (Mr. Bulteel) 1  
Mr. Luen Yick's Warlordship 160 lbs. (Mr. Wong) 2  
Mr. Eve's Festive Eve 165 lbs. (Mr. Pote-Hunt) 3  
Mrs. Bernard's Barley Grass 153 lbs. (Mr. G. da Roza) 0  
Col. Comyn's Borderer 141 lbs. (Mr. Clark) 0

Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Tangle 159 lbs. (Mr. Reidy) 0  
Mr. R. J. Paterson's August 156 lbs. (Mr. Erskine) 0  
Time: 2.43/1/5.  
1/2 length; 6 lengths.  
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$24.10;  
Places: 1st \$6.80; 2nd \$6.40; 3rd \$6.30.

8.—PROFESSIONAL CUP AND SUBSCRIPTION GRIFFINS' CHAMPIONSHIP.—A sweepstakes of \$25 each for winners of a Cup presented, \$300 added, second \$500, third \$300, to be won by griffins of this meeting winners and placed ponies only, weight for inches as per scale. One mile and a quarter.

Major Lake's Dumfries 158 lbs. (Mr. Maitland) 1  
Mr. Eve's Gala Eve 158 lbs. (Mr. Pote-Hunt) 2  
Mr. George's Horsford 168 lbs. (Mr. Haimovitch) 3  
Mr. Ho Kom-tong's Masonic Hall 155 lbs. (Mr. Wong) 0  
Mr. R. J. Paterson's Spinner 158 lbs. (Mr. Bulteel) 0  
Dr. S. To Wong's Fair Eyes 152 lbs. (Mr. G. da Roza) 0

Time: 2.42/1/5.  
1/2 length; 4 lengths.  
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$8.30;  
Places: 1st \$5.70; 2nd \$7.00; 3rd \$7.10.

9.—"UNITED SERVICES" CUP.—A cup presented to the winner with 200 added, second \$150, third \$75, for China ponies the bona fide property of and to be ridden by officers of H. M.'s Regular Forces, ponies leased by officers from Government considered as the bona fide property of such officers, catch weights at 160 lbs. entrance \$5. One mile.

Warrington 160 lbs. (Mr. Usher) 1  
Castle 160 lbs. (Mr. Miller) 2  
Easter Day 160 lbs. (Mr. Erskine) 3  
Durham 160 lbs. (Mr. Sugden) 0  
Silver Fox 160 lbs. (Mr. Richards) 0

Acc of Spades 160 lbs. (Mr. Shillington) 0  
Berwick 160 lbs. (Mr. Wolfe-Murray) 0  
Time: 2.10.  
Many lengths; many lengths.  
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$7.40;  
Places: 1st \$5.60; 2nd \$10.00; 3rd \$6.80.

10.—ALSO RAN STAKES.—winner \$400, second \$150, third \$75, for griffins of this meeting that have started at least twice and have not won, subscription griffins of this meeting allowed 7 lb. weight for inches as per scale, jockey allowance, entrance \$5. One mile.

Mr. Loo Cheuk-suen's U U II 153 lbs. (Mr. Loo) 1  
Mr. Ho Kom-tong's Manor Hall 163 lbs. (Mr. Wong) 2  
Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Mish Mish 155 lbs. (Mr. Bulteel) 3  
Time: 2.12.  
1 1/2 lengths; 6 lengths.  
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$14.40;  
Place: 1st \$13.50.

11.—"LUCKY" STAKES.—winner \$400, second \$150, third \$75, for China ponies that have started in at least two extra meetings in 1927 and at least twice at this meeting and have not won at this meeting, weight for inches as per scale, jockey allowance, entrance \$5. Six furlongs.

Messrs. F. Usher and L. Reidy's Macao Beauty 153 lbs. (Mr. Usher) 1  
Mr. Huen Chung's Chow Taze Lon 160 lbs. (Mr. Wong) 2  
Mr. Eve's Bright Eve 160 lbs. (Mr. Pote-Hunt) 3  
Mr. R. M. Austin's Brigade Call 163 lbs. (Mr. Maitland) 0

Mr. R. M. Austin's Grey Knight 160 lbs. (Mr. Durlacher) 0  
Mr. Chin Lee's Chui Chow Ning 152 lbs. (Mr. Loo) 0  
Messrs. Hall & Shenton's The Gomeril 153 lbs. (Mr. Sewell) 0

Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Ukelele 155 lbs. (Mr. Bulteel) 0  
Dr. L. Reidy's Mowgli 155 lbs. (Mr. Stanton) 0  
Time: 1.32/4/5.  
1/2 length; 1 1/2 lengths.  
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$46.50;  
Places: 1st \$14.30; 2nd \$18.20; 3rd \$12.10.

12.—"LUCKY" STAKES.—winner \$400, second \$150, third \$75, for China ponies that have started in at least two extra meetings in 1927 and at least twice at this meeting and have not won at this meeting, weight for inches as per scale, jockey allowance, entrance \$5. Six furlongs.

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# HAVE YOU WON?

To-day's Cash Sweeps at a Glance.

ALL THE LUCKY NUMBERS.

Below are given the results of the cash sweeps at to-day's races. Drawers of unplaced starters get \$50 each except where stated.

Race I.  
No. 210 \$1,394.40  
" 6 398.40  
" 53 199.20  
Unplaced \$50.00 each:—Nos. 4, 65, 481, 105, 186, 107, 474, 471, 125, 14.

Race II.  
No. 518 \$1,692.60  
" 44 483.60  
" 29 241.80  
Unplaced \$50.00 each:—No. 1.

Race III.  
No. 9 \$1,859.20  
" 692 631.20  
" 293 265.60  
Unplaced \$50.00 each:—Nos. 247, 372, 124, 101, 185, 76, 448, 562.

Race IV.  
No. 633 \$2,223.20  
" 607 635.20  
" 393 317.60  
Unplaced \$50.00 each:—Nos. 767, 462, 5, 624, 131, 338.

Race V.  
No. 1564 \$4,535.00  
" 1701 1,310.00  
" 438 655.00  
Unplaced \$50.00 each:—Nos. 1478, 117, 81, 968, 1268, 489, 888, 1534, 1774, 1532, 1493, 887, 232.

Race VI.  
No. 410 \$3,955.00  
" 361 1,130.00  
" 332 565.00  
Unplaced \$50.00 each:—Nos. 1261, 1401, 1358.

Race VII.  
No. 1549 \$4,900.00  
" 621 1,400.00  
" 273 700.00  
Unplaced \$50.00 each:—Nos. 851, 927, 295, 422.

Race VIII.  
No. 703 \$4,655.00  
" 619 1,300.00  
" 235 655.00  
Unplaced \$50.00 each:—Nos. 930, 298, 914.

Race IX.  
No. 1422 \$4,256.00  
" 763 1,216.00  
" 67 608.00  
Unplaced \$50.00 each:—Nos. 236, 1068, 1211, 1554.

Race X.  
No. 1422 \$4,256.00  
" 763 1,200.00  
" 173 600.00  
Unplaced \$50.00 each:—Nos. 745, 593, 404, 965, 131, 743.

Race XI.  
No. 597 \$4,424.00  
" 1264 1,264.00  
" 1034 632.00  
Unplaced \$50.00 each:—Nos. 745, 593, 404, 965, 131, 743.

The master of the s.s. "Kwang-tung" (British) reports to the Harbour Master, that while on a trip from Hothow to Hong Kong, one deck passenger passed away, the cause of which is not known.

A well-known Surrey farmer, a steeplechase rider, James Allen, aged 86, of Durnford Bridge Farm, Ottershaw, Chertsey, died from injuries he received by falling when entering his chicken-house.

Public financial stress is the ground upon which the East Suffolk County Roads and Bridges Committee has decided that no money is to be spent on improving road corners during the coming financial year.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Commr. Geo. F. Hole, R.N., Marine Magistrate, one case was heard, in which Chan Hing, master of trading junk No. 744754 of Ping Hoi, was charged by P. S. A71 Waller, for unlawfully making a false declaration when clearing his trading junk, to wit, by carrying 140 piculs of salt on the 17th inst. Accused admitted charges, and pleading guilty was imposed with a fine of \$100, with an alternative of two months' hard labour.

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# STAR THEATRE.

BANVARD COMPANY'S FAREWELL PERFORMANCE.

TO-MORROW'S BIG SHOW.

The Banvard Musical Comedy Company has a way of keeping something up its sleeve for the farewell performance of a season, and the Company's last performance in the Colony, which will be given to-morrow (Sunday) night at 9.15 in the Star Theatre, will be no exception to this rule.

The attraction will be "The Review of Reviews," a production which will probably prove the most sparkling of all the shows yet presented in Hong Kong. It contains the essence of all that is best in the company's repertoire.

The happiest comedy scenes, songs, dances from "Katja," "Queen High," "Mercenary Mary," "Whirled into Happiness" and "The Black Bottom Revue" are all welded into this one performance.

Such popular items as the promising scene from "Katja," "I'm a little bit fonder of you" from "Mercenary Mary," "The Pass Master," "The Black Bottom Dance," "Who's Robinson" from "The Black Bottom Revue," the Shaving Scene and "Robinson Crusoe's Isle" from "Whirled into Happiness," and "Cross your heart" from "Queen High" are only a few popular 27 items forming the programme.

Another interesting attraction is Mr. Harrington Weeks, a comedian new to Hong Kong, who arrives to join the company to-morrow by the "Hakone Maru" and will make his first bow to a Far Eastern audience to-morrow night in "The Review of Reviews."

Altogether a wonderful evening's entertainment is promised to bid farewell to this popular band of players and a big house is assured. Booking is at the Star Theatre. Prices of admission are \$5, \$4, \$2 and \$1. The first two rows of the stalls are \$5, but there are plenty of seats in the stalls and dress circle at \$4.

HONG KONG HOTEL VISITORS.

February 15, 1928.

Mr. C. L. Armstrong.  
Messrs. W. Bray, G. L. Blum, R. Bailey, P. Bossut, F. Band.  
Messrs. F. W. Carey, Philip Clover.

Mr.



## SEX PROBLEMS.

## HEAD MASTERS URGE DIFFERENTIATION.

## "GIRLS SUFFER MORE."

Rugby. — Eton and nearly all the public schools of the country were represented in the emphatic declaration made by the Head Masters' Conference at Rugby, "That it is neither desirable nor necessary that the conditions of examination imposed for the School Certificate should be identical for girls and boys." This was moved by Mr. Frank Fletcher, of Charterhouse, the president of the Conference, and seconded by Dr. C. A. Allington, of Eton. The question arose on a technical discussion raised by Dr. Terry Thomas, of Leeds, on the question of the relaxation of the group system as raised by the Head Mistresses' Association.

Dr. Cyril Norwood, of Harrow, who is chairman of the Examinations Council of the Board of Education, said that body would certainly have to deal with the question in February. He would, therefore, refrain from voting upon the question in that conference. In its origin the School Certificate was intended to be an examination passing 80 to 85 per cent. of the candidates presented for it. The question immediately arose whether that was the percentage for the good or the bad schools. In practice it had worked out as 67 per cent. on the average. That was not the position which the founders of the certificate intended.

A New Factor. "Another new factor has come into play since the war," he said. "There has been a considerable increase in the number of secondary schools for boys and girls, and a vast increase in the numbers of boys and girls enjoying secondary education. There is evidence from the side of the boys, and still more from the side of the girls, that many are finding it very hard indeed to reach the standard of the School Certificate, and the question is asked whether the group requirement is the right sort of requirement to make."

It is urged on the side of the boys that it is forcing whole numbers of those who resort to secondary schools into black coat occupations. On the side of the girls it is pointed out that the majority are going to be wives and mothers, and that the proper education for the bulk of the girls is one which gives full value to the aesthetic and domestic sides. The question is further complicated by the fact that the head mistresses are all convinced that what is sauce for the goose is, and must always be, sauce for the gander. (Laughter.)

"We have got to recognise that the school certificate has not only its matriculation value at present, but it has its recognition from the professional bodies. I know the difficulties the Board of Education have had in getting those bodies to accept the school certificate, and if the resolution of the head mistresses is passed the whole of these negotiations with the professional bodies will have to be gone through again."

It is obvious that a new school certificate would not have the same value as the old certificate. I put that question to the deputation of the head mistresses to the Examinations Council. I asked them if they really felt that a certificate which included English, Latin, French, mathematics, and science was to be of the same value as one which included English, botany, art, needlework, and cookery, and they replied with great courage that that was what they meant."

## Two Separate Certificates.

Dr. Norwood outlined five ways of dealing with the situation. One, he said, would be to differentiate between the schools quite frankly, and award a school certificate. "We are faced with a real problem. The school certificate does not suit girls' schools, and moreover, the examination system designed for the secondary schools when they contained more or less picked pupils is becoming very burdensome to secondary schools now that they are flooded with material not quite so good. The head mistresses have never been satisfied with the school certificate from its start. When they came to the Secondary Schools Examination Council in deputation in the early autumn and put their proposals forward, I felt that these went to the root of secondary education as we understood it in this country, and I referred them to the Board of Education to see whether the Board had any definite opinions."

"The Board felt, naturally, that they had only one factor in the problem before them—the opinion of the head mistresses. They want to know what the head masters think. They referred the matter definitely to the Head Masters' Association, and I believe the Head Masters' Conference will also have an opinion on this matter, even though candid-

ates from our schools are only one-tenth of those in the country in any year."

The President, moving the declaration quoted, said: "I am very strongly of the opinion that it is a mistake to try to make the education of boys and girls run exactly on the same lines. I do not think the girls gain by the rather hot-house competition which is sometimes involved. I think the fact that head mistresses, or certain numbers of them, find the school certificate at present a real burden and strain to a much greater extent than head masters is definite evidence that the two lines of education ought to be, to some extent, to be separated."

"Too Much Alike." Dr. Allington, of Eton, seconding, said: "I am of opinion that girls' schools have modelled themselves too closely on boys' schools. What is wanted is some genius who will do for the education of girls what has been done for boys by great headmasters in the past."

The Rev. C. Grant, of St. George's, Harpenden, a co-education school, said: "As the nearest approach to a head mistress in this conference—(laughter)—I am cordially in favour of differentiating between the sexes. As many girls as boys pass the certificate in my school, but I think they suffer more in the process."

The declaration was passed unanimously with the exception of Dr. Norwood, who did not vote. The Rev. F. S. Young, of Bishops Stortford, moved a rider that "this conference, while wishing to retain the group system, should be more generously applied."

Mr. R. Cary Gilson (King Edward's School, Birmingham) said he did not want relaxation or compensation pushed to an absurd extent. It had previously been found in the case of a large number of candidates passing in Latin that, when they came to the universities, they knew no Latin whatever. (Laughter.)

Dr. Norwood said the examining body were much against awarding compensation between the groups. "I know of one university," he said, "where there was a system of 'fictitious credit.' If a boy did remarkably well in physics he was given credit in Latin. (Laughter.) We have managed to get them to give up that method of award."

The rider was carried with five dissentients. The conference instructed its committee "to approach the bishops with a view to obtaining a measure of agreement among bishops as to the conditions governing the ordination of schoolmasters and prospective schoolmasters."

## AN APE-MAN.

## ATTACKS ON GIRLS IN LANES.

Police have been trying for some days to trace the perpetrator of a series of mysterious attacks on young women and girls in lonely lanes in the St. Mary Cray, Kent, district. Women and girls have been afraid to go about alone at night.

"Repulsive and of ape-like appearance" is one description given of the man, who, when he committed his last outrage, wore a cap pulled down over his eyes and a light raincoat.

## Two Victims.

The two victims of the latest outrage were Mrs. Florence Harland, of 5, Station Road, St. Mary Cray, and Miss Eas, of Conway Street, Plaisow, E. They were returning together from Sidcup, where they had been seeing a friend off by motor-omnibus, and met the man midway between Fochs Cray and St. Paul's Cray.

He asked to be directed to Orpington, and when told he was walking away from it turned back and accompanied the women. They continued to talk together, and finally he made some observation on the loneliness of the road.

## Blows on the Head.

Mrs. Harland, describing what happened then to a "Daily Mail" reporter, said:

"Barely had I replied that the road was not so lonely as it used to be when the man hit us both on the head, and the next thing I remember was sitting in the middle of the road. The man was still attacking me, while my companion did her best to ward off his blows. Suddenly she saw a light in a house about 100 yards away and ran screaming for help, realising that the man was getting the better of the struggle."

One of the Russian boots I was wearing was forced off, and, seizing it, I began to strike the man. Then he saw two men and two women coming from the house, and made

## AT MALINES.

## A "MEASURE OF AGREEMENT."

## CATHOLIC CONVERSATIONS.

Lord Halifax, who was largely instrumental in bringing the conference about, reveals in "Notes on the Conversations at Malines, 1921-1925" (Mowbray and Co., 1s.), some of the points of agreement arrived at on such questions as the Sacraments, Holy Scriptures, and the Episcopate, and, above all, the difficult questions involved in the claims of the See of Rome and the position of the Pope in relation to the rest of Christendom.

The original members of the conference were Cardinal Mercier, Mgr. Van Rooy, and the Abbe Portal, on the Roman side; and Lord Halifax, Dr. Frere (now Bishop of Truro), and the Dean of Wells (Dr. Armistage Robinson), on the Anglican side. To these were afterwards added Mgr. Battifol and the Abbe Hemmer, and (as nominees of the Archbishop of Canterbury) Dr. Gore and Dr. Kidd.

One of the chief objects of the meetings, which were held at intervals during the years 1921 to 1925, was to ascertain whether there was a sufficient measure of agreement between what was held as de fide in the Roman Communion and the formularies and teaching of the Church of England to justify the attempt to reunite the latter with the See of Rome.

The report of the conversations has been in print, both in French and English, for some months, but the Archbishop of Canterbury wished the publication postponed until after the Revised Prayer Book had been submitted to Parliament. Another postponement of uncertain duration having been occasioned by the rejection of the Prayer Book Measure, Lord Halifax publishes his notes to "mitigate disappointment."

The discussions, he says, revealed a considerable measure of agreement, and the following is a brief summary of the principal points:

1. That Holy Baptism constitutes the means of entry to the Church of Christ, and that all validly baptised persons belong, in virtue of their baptism, to the Body of the Church. That the initiation thus effected must develop into an organised life.

2. That the Sacrifice of the death of Christ upon the Cross is the one all-sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world; and that that Sacrifice is sacramentally offered by the showing forth—to use St. Paul's words—of that death, mystically represented by the separate consecration of the bread and wine; and that, as the Formularies of the Church of England teach, "the Body and Blood of Christ are verily and indeed given, taken, and received by the faithful in the Lord's Supper."

3. That Communion in both kinds was once the custom of the Universal Church, and had only been discontinued in the West for reasons of a practical nature. That question was not, therefore, so much one of doctrine as of discipline.

4. That Holy Scripture requires the interpretation of the Church before it can be accepted as the ultimate standard of faith and doctrine.

The theological position of Anglicans that no doctrine may be considered to be de fide, and therefore binding upon the conscience of Christians, which cannot be derived from Holy Scripture, was not thought to be incompatible with that which is held by Roman Catholics.

5. That with regard to the position of the Holy See and the question of Papal Supremacy, the Anglicans, although, in common with the Orthodox Eastern Churches, they disowned the monarchy of the Bishop of Rome, and maintained that his doctrinal authority is not separate from that of the Episcopate, and can only be exercised in conformity with the traditions and teachings of the whole Church of Christ, conceded that a visible headship of the Church might be implied in the commission bestowed by our Lord upon St. Peter, and might even be found to be essential for the accomplishment of a reunited Christendom.

6. That the bishops derived their succession direct from the Apostles, and their authority and position in the Church are therefore *jure divino*.

In the course of the Conversations allusion was made to the Thirty-nine Articles in relation to the Decrees of the Council of Trent, and it was stated by the Anglican members present that theologians like Dr. Pusey and Bishop Forbes of Brechin had held that the definitions of doctrine they contained admitted of an interpretation which would reconcile them with the Tridentine Decrees. It was suggested that a further study of those decrees and of the history of the council which formulated them was greatly to be desired.

## "GENERAL" SUTTON.

## EXPLOITS OF AN ENGLISH D'ARTAGNAN.

## MANY PURCHASES.

A tall, broad-shouldered Englishman with good-natured blue eyes and one arm—stepped from a Pullman car of the Canadian Pacific Trans-continental train in Vancouver recently, drove to the principal hotel, and engaged for himself the suite that in England or in any Continental city would be reserved for royalty. He remained in Vancouver for some days, making occasional motor-car and steamship journeys alternately across the border to Seattle or to the mountainous interior of British Columbia. He attracted at the time little more attention than would an ordinary traveller on his way to the Orient—for in the imagination of the world his name has long been linked with the Far East—until one morning the newspapers appeared with the announcement that he had bought the Rogers building, which is one of Vancouver's most imposing "sky-scrapers," a group of miles, and an island in the Gulf of Georgia.

A few days later, after spending a week-end on the American side of the border, he landed in Vancouver in an aeroplane. He encountered difficulties with the authorities on the ground that he could not maintain an unlicensed American machine in Canada without the payment of a heavy duty. His abrupt reply was that he would establish a hangar for it in Seattle and fly it when he chose over Canadian territory. There could be no legal objection to that. And this, so far as I am aware, was the end of the dispute.

## The Canton Incident.

But no sooner had interest in this, his second spectacular exploit to engage public attention died away, than one morning the "Vancouver Province," which is the principal newspaper in the Canadian West, announced his sudden disappearance from a camp at Hudson Hope.

"It was feared," ran the story, "that he had fallen into a canyon of the Peace River, where the stream was a raging torrent." Of course, he had not. For this d'Artagnan, endowed as always he has been with a charmed life, turned up the smiling after a twenty-four hours' absence with the casual explanation that he had only lost his way in the bush for a day or so. That was last month. Then—only the other day—public curiosity was carried to its highest pitch when sensational reports suddenly associated his name with a gigantic engineering scheme involving between £4,000,000 and £9,000,000 for the exploitation of the untold riches of the bleak Peace River country. People in Canada began to wonder: Who is this picturesque stranger with such apparently limitless resources at his command? Whence has he come and what precisely are his motives? No one knew. Almost in a night he had come to be known as the mystery man of the Canadian north-west.

He is, as, doubtless, you in England have already surmised, the famous General Frank Sutton, M.C., of Mukden, Manchuria. No British subject of whom I have yet heard is more widely known east Suez, nor, save with the possible exception of Lawrence of Arabia, is there an

Englishman abroad round whose name has grown a more colourful halo of romance.

I met Sutton in the summer, and though I saw him only for a moment between trains at his arsenal in Mukden, I was able to gauge something of the extraordinary personality of the man. Three revolvers lay by his side as he told me, briefly, the story of his remarkable friendship with the warlord Chang Tso-lin—three revolvers because at least a dozen attempts had been made on his life, while few foreigners acquainted with his peculiar position in China ever believed that he could leave the country alive.

It was, indeed, not long after this meeting that I heard of the sale of his arsenal and then of his departure for Europe, for no one was more conscious than he of the real dangers which began to surround him.

## A Nomadic Career.

It was shortly after he left Eton as a boy that Sutton began his nomadic career of adventure.

The war found him in South America, but, like all, he was quick to respond to the broadcast for men. A few months later he was tramping the hot sands of Gallipoli. It was here that he lost his right hand. He returned to England as an invalid, only to proceed at the end of convalescence on a propaganda mission to America.

He went next to Shanghai, afterwards to Hankow, and eventually to the rich province of Szechuan, rich in its resources but impoverished by years of civil strife. Yan Sen was now fighting to capture the province for the all-powerful Wu Pei-fu. Here Sutton saw his first real opportunity in China. He decided to make munitions that would settle the combat. His offer to Yan Sen was accepted.

The interpreters placed at his disposal, however, were—as he was to discover later—chosen for their utter lack of scruples, and it was not long before he found that, though he turned out the munitions, he received everything in payment but hard cash for further commitments.

## The day came for a settlement.

For his part he had fulfilled his contract. But Yan Sen, to avoid the embarrassment of payment, decided on a course not uncommon in those remote parts of Chinese dark hinterland. He ordered Sutton's execution. An officer and two soldiers arrived at the house late one night, ostensibly with the object of an interview. One of the soldiers, in his stupidity dropped the hint that the trio had been sent to shoot him.

Sutton, in a flash, thundered the order, "Ground arms!" The half-witted trio obeyed. Then, whipping out his revolver with his single hand, he fired and bolted through a secret door in the compound.

He made his way over the open countryside to the river bank, travelled many miles in his flight in an open sampan, and finally, again by the stroke of luck that always favoured him, managed to board a small British steamer just as she was about to sail.

## Wit to the Rescue.

Late in the summer he went again to Shanghai, then to Tientsin, and on to Mukden. Here he sought and obtained his first interview with Marshal Chang Tso-lin. He told him of his experience in the south. The little dictator listened with marked interest. He then offered to manufacture him a gun, simple enough to place in the hands of any Chinese soldier.

The Chinese Generalissimo seemed impressed; but bade Sutton stand back while he examined the proposals of two others who had come on a similar mission. The dreamy Chang seemed likewise attracted by their inventions.

He demanded that they all give trials outside. But here Sutton's wit came to his rescue, for he promptly informed the marshal that a fortune-teller has proclaimed that day unpropitious for experiments. Such a plea is always valid in China, so the day was postponed.

Two days later Sutton turned up alone with his weapon. The marshal, already struck with his personality, was pleased. Sutton was then and there decorated and instructed to build an arsenal in the city.

No time was lost in appraising the country of his discovery, for not more than ten guns were turned out at his hands before Chang Tso-lin ordered the cinematographers to get busy. They photographed the ten field pieces and the first handful of shells. The films were duplicated hundreds of times, until soon the unsuspecting populace were made to believe that guns were belching from the factory in their thousands every week.

He promptly launched his munitions plant, however, and soon his mortars and shells were being despatched to every unit of the Northern Chinese forces. His artillery were given credit for the capture of two inaccessible mountain passes near Shanhaiwan, while, with their aid, Chang Tso-lin's armies, now well inside the Great Wall, soon smashed their way to Peking. Sutton was made a general in the Chinese army, and in other directions was generously rewarded for his services.

With his unflinching luck, he next won £20,000 in a horse race sweepstakes.

He remained for a further period, but at last, in March of last year, he determined definitely to leave China for ever.

## HIGH SCHOOLS.

## UNNECESSARY, SAYS EDUCATOR.

Pasadena, Calif.—America's fine system of schools needs to be justified by a better system of education, declared William J. Cooper, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, in an address delivered to the Community Educational Forum here. Some radical ideas were put forward by Mr. Cooper, who asserted that high schools have outlived their usefulness in California and should be abolished.

The policy of putting the two higher grades of high school with the two lower grades of junior college may be a solution to one of the grave problems of secondary education in California, said Mr. Cooper, in commenting on a policy of this kind already in operation in this city.

"If we could put the seventh to tenth grades into junior high school and the eleventh and twelfth grades into junior college, we could eliminate much waste," declared the state superintendent.

There is no modern justification for the teaching of Latin, in the opinion of Mr. Cooper, except to use it as a key to enter college. The tradition of Latin and Greek, as essential education requirements was handed down from the old New England system of education, declared the speaker.

"The course of study is the im-

## A PEACE MEDAL.

## MR. SCHWAB'S WORK RECOGNISED.

## LONG BUSINESS CAREER.

New York.—A commercial peace medal, in recognition of his service to industrial and business arbitration, has been awarded to Charles M. Schwab, chairman of the board of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, by the American Arbitration Association.

The medal, inscribed "In appreciation of service, in the cause of commercial peace," was said to be the first of its kind ever awarded. It was presented at a luncheon at the Astor Hotel, at which more than 800 leading business men and public officials were guests.

One of the great contributions of arbitration to business is its removal of the feeling of conquest from the settlement of commercial disputes, Mr. Schwab said in his address at the presentation of the medal. The belligerent attitude developed by court actions, with the attendant publicity, is not conducive to settlement of difficulties, he continued, while arbitration develops an attitude wherein both sides may gracefully give and take and where the person in the wrong finds it easier to yield to a just decision.

## Not Soured.

"I am one of the men who, after a long business career, is not soured on humanity," Mr. Schwab said. "The longer I live, the more firmly I am convinced that the way to enjoy life is to go about one's business happily, with confidence in one's friends and the people with whom one associates. While having this confidence, it is well to enjoy happiness and laughter, and to cultivate joy in one's contacts and in one's relationships."

In the course of his business life, Mr. Schwab said, fully 10,000 labour disagreements have arisen. Every one of these, he declared, has been settled without recourse to either the course or outside arbitration. His company was among the first, Mr. Schwab declared, to feel that the working-man should have a voice in his own affairs.

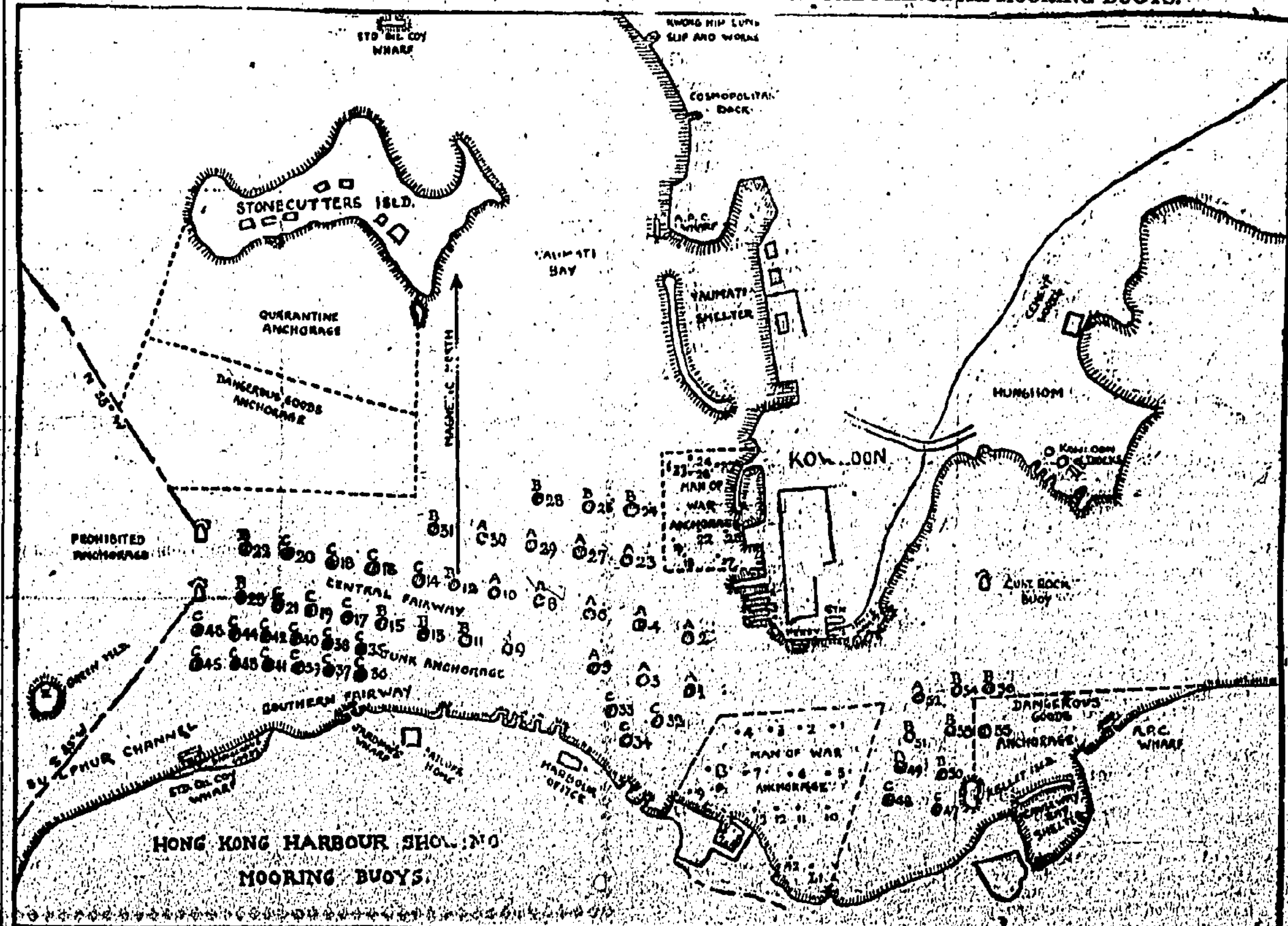
"Success in dealing with men is, to a considerable extent, based upon the understanding that the real aristocracy of this country is not that of birth or wealth," he continued. "True aristocracy is measured by the good one does for his fellow man."

Lucius R. Eastman, resident of the American Arbitration Association, who presided, cited the work of Mr. Schwab in bringing "the spirit of good will, of tolerance, of justice, fair dealing and kindness into his business relations which are the very attributes of commercial peace."

The international aspect of commercial friendship in its importance to relations between governments was stressed by Irving T. Bush, president of the Bush Terminals and director of the American Arbitration Association.

mediate problem in both primary and secondary education in California," said Mr. Cooper. "When we get the elementary schools down to the sixth grade, we shall be able to cut out some unnecessary studies; for instance, history, which is useless to a child less than 12 years of age. We need graphic representation more in the elementary grades than any other subject."

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## SEVERE SHOCK.

MAHARAJA AND HER RIVAL

PROTEST BY FASTING.

Bombay.—The proposed marriage of the ex-Maharaja Holkar of Indore and Miss Nancy Miller, an American gold miner's daughter, has administered a severe shock to the second Maharajah, previously the ex-ruler's favourite wife. The first Maharajah is also alive.

It appears that the Maharajah hastened to Colombo, Ceylon, to meet the ex-Maharaja on his arrival there from America. Upon meeting her husband and hearing from him that he intended to marry a white woman she fainted.

A few hours afterwards the Maharajah returned to Indore. She refused to eat during the journey, and it is reported that she is still fasting.

British officials at Indore disapprove of the proposed marriage.

It is now revealed that Miss Miller's mother, a wealthy widow, lives at San Francisco and that during his recent visit to the United States the ex-Maharaja spent a fortnight at the family's home.

#### In The Hills.

Colombo.—Much secrecy has hidden the movements of the ex-Maharaja of Indore during the past few days, but I am now able to state that he is staying at an hotel at Nuwara Eliya, the fashionable hill station 26 miles south of Kandy.

Miss Miller and her grandmother are staying at the same hotel. The ex-Maharaja is said to be indisposed. He is not receiving visitors. He is waiting for permission from the Indian Government to marry Miss Miller. Negotiations are in progress for her conversion to Hinduism.

Another visitor at the hotel is the ex-Maharaja's treasurer, who is stated to have more than £30,000 in his possession. "Daily Mail" correspondent.

## SOVIET TALES.

AN AMAZING REPORT JUST ISSUED.

"Soviet Russia To-day" (Labour Research Department, 6d.) is another of those ridiculous reports representing the verdict of tourists who go to Moscow knowing nothing of the Russian language or country. The British Workers' Delegation of 1927 is nominally responsible for the statements which it contains, but these are adorned by meaningless gibberish—which is astonishingly reminiscent of the other publications of the Labour Research Department—such as "given a complementary state of society; co-operation can be the means to establish Socialism," and "it consolidated their realisation."

The delegates, who went at the Soviet's expense, had, of course, to travel where the Soviet sent them, conducted by persons who were paid and employed by the Soviet to mislead them. Their astonishing credulity is illustrated in every line. Thus the report states, "Ten years, we were told, is the maximum sentence in Soviet Russia." Yet day after day the Soviet journals publish news that men and women have been condemned to death and shot. At this very moment the Soviet trader Pollakov is under sentence of death for "corruption," while on August 23 three Customs officials were shot at Minsk for "making false declarations of imported goods."

#### 8,000,000 Workless.

Again, the report states that for Soviet railway workers "the hours are eight per day usually, but four and six for those on dangerous and semi-dangerous work." But the railwaymen's delegate to the seventh Soviet Trade Union Congress declared only a few months ago:

I wish to point to the violation of labour legislation in transport undertakings. There is no single railway on which the regulations concerning hours of work have been observed, although there exists for this purpose a special decree of the commissariat of labour. Labour is exploited just as if there were no labour legislation at all.

As for unemployment, the delegation admits that "at certain times of the year there are over 1,500,000 unemployed persons in Soviet Russia." But the figures are really much more serious: as M. Kulbyshch, the chairman of the Supreme People's Economic Council, some weeks ago placed the number of unemployed in the winter at more than 8,000,000.

The book would be amusing were not the malignant Soviet attack on British trade and British lives throughout the world so exceedingly serious and so expensive. "Daily Mail."

About 90 square feet of fifteenth-century oak panelling was discovered when the walls of a room in a house in High Baxter Street, Barry St. Edmunds, were stripped.

## OLD CRIMES.

THE PROBLEM OF EXPIRATION.

THE CONVICTED HEIR.

The Headquarters Committee of the British Legion, meeting in London under the presidency of Colonel G. R. Crossfield, the chairman of the Legion, agreed to support in principle the resolutions passed recently by the Grand Jury at Birmingham Quarter Sessions—that sailors and soldiers who died in the war ought to have



Mrs. Perry M. Parker, mother of little Marion Parker, who was kidnapped from school and slain by William E. Hickman.

erased any criminal convictions recorded against them.

Sir Henry Maddocks, K.C., the Recorder of Birmingham, mentioned in charging the Grand Jury that an Act of Parliament would have to be passed before the convictions could be expunged. He said he regarded it as common justice that men who gave their lives for the country should have their convictions blotted out.

#### Pre-War Convictions.

The recommendation will be forwarded to the Home Office, and a "Daily Mail" reporter was told there that it will receive the fullest and most careful consideration. It was pointed out by an official of the department, however, that the proposal bristles with difficulties.

One in particular was that a number of men joined the Forces not from patriotic motives, but so that they might be sent abroad and thus escape arrest for other crimes which the police suspected them of having committed. As soon as the Home Secretary showed himself to be in sympathy with the suggestion, it was believed (the official added) that a similar plea would be made on behalf of ex-Service men with pre-war convictions who have survived the war.

A barrister said that a general expiration would be bound to produce complications. He had in mind the case of the heir of a wealthy man who was to receive the fortune only if he kept free from crime. He was convicted, forfeited the legacy, and was killed in the war. The fortune passed to another branch of the family, and it was conceivable that the present ownership would be contested if the conviction against the man for whom it was originally intended was erased.

## A FILM AUTHOR.

NOVICE SUCCEEDS WHERE EXPERTS FAILED.

Some time ago it was decided to make a sequel to the most successful of pictures, "Mademoiselle from Armentieres," with the title "Mademoiselle from Armentieres, O.B.E." With the title settled, those in charge of production at the Gaumont studio in Shepherd's Bush, began to cast about for a good original story on which the sequel might be based.

This proved unexpectedly difficult. Eleven authors, several of whom have considerable reputations, were eventually engaged in writing stories about the further adventures of "Mademoiselle," but none of these stories proved to be what was wanted. And then, suddenly, a member of the studio staff, who holds a comparatively minor position, tentatively offered an original story which he himself, knowing the problem which was temporarily distracting his chiefs, had written. It proved to be the very thing, and "Mademoiselle from Armentieres, O.B.E." will go into production shortly.

## HOODED MAN.

SHOP INTRUDER PUT TO FLIGHT.

WOMAN'S FIGHT.

The manageress of two shops in the centre of London displayed pluck and presence of mind in dealing with suspects, one of whom was hooded.

The hooded man, calling out, "Your money or your life," pointed a covered object resembling a revolver in the face of the manageress of the Eclipse Wine Company's shop in Lisle Street, Leicester-square, W.C., and attempted to steal the contents of the till.

To a reporter Miss Eva Tapley, the manageress, said:—

I was alone in the shop when I suddenly saw a man in front of me. Over his head was a piece of serge material, and I could see only the tip of his nose. He pointed in my face something covered with a piece of serge, and shouted out, "Your money or your life."

I knocked his hand up and said, "Don't be a fool!" I then put my arm on his till and resisted his efforts to pull it off. He picked up a model of a white horse used as an advertisement and flung it at me, striking me on the forehead and smashing the ornament. Although injured, I was still able to resist him, and he looked round for something else to throw at me. I came round to the front of the counter after him, and with that he ran out of the shop. A young man next door chased him down Leicester-square as far as Leicester-square, where he was lost.

The assailant is described as being a man of about 22 to 24, 5½ft. in height, wearing a cloth cap and an overcoat. He spoke with a rough voice.

Miss Tapley had her forehead badly bruised and was treated by a chemist.

#### Shop Scene Sequel.

In the second case a man tendered half a crown at a sweetshop in Charing Cross Road, W.C.

The manageress, Miss Ethel Redgrove, a strongly built young woman, suspecting that the coin was a bad one, sent an assistant for the police and locked the door.

A policeman while passing heard noises in the shop and took the customer to the police station.

#### SURVEY OF PAPUA.

Lieutenant Wackett Returns.

Melbourne, Dec. 26. Flight-Lieut. E. C. Wackett, who, in September last left to undertake an aerial survey of Papua and the Mandated Territory, returned to the Laverton depot to-day. In a three months' flight Lieut. Wackett has flown about 10,000 miles. He was accompanied on the survey by Flight-Lieut. J. H. Ross, who remained in the territory to complete details of the work. Lieutenant Wackett left Papua on December 11.

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## "PLAIN WORDS."

## Lord Birkenhead on India.

## POLITICAL OPINION.

## Simon Commission To Do Its Duty.

London, Yesterday.  
Lord Birkenhead, Secretary of State for India, in a speech at Doncaster addressed "plain words to the people of India" in drawing attention to their attitude towards the Simon Commission. "I shall make it as plain as any words at my command will enable me that with the assistance of the Indian Legislatures or without, this Commission will carry out its task to a conclusion."

He declared that if political opinion in India, which was the smallest fringe of the whole of India, chose to remain aloof, nevertheless the Commission's work would be performed under the present Government or whatever Government succeeded it.

He asked those pledged to boycott the Commission whether a sophisticated electorate in Britain would be likely to be persuaded by such means or that the political-minded in India had proved themselves fit for a great extension of the present constitution.

Lord Birkenhead pointed out that on the other hand, by co-operation, they might easily have so proved. He paid a tribute to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and other responsible Labour leaders in carrying out what they had conceived to be their duty.

## Indian Comment.

Bombay, Yesterday.  
Lord Birkenhead's speech at Doncaster has been severely criticised.

The English-owned "Evening News" describes Lord Birkenhead's statements as limited and provocative and says: "He must take his share of the responsibility if a non-confidence motion is carried in the Assembly to-morrow."

The paper recalls that when the Commission left England Lord Birkenhead said the less he intervened the better.

The Indian-owned "Daily Mail" says the speech is violent and provocative and evidently intended to influence the result in the Assembly. "We will be much surprised if it has not a contrary effect," says the paper.—Reuter.

## BLOWN UP.

## FATALITY ON OIL TANKER.

## MANY KILLED.

Tokyo, Yesterday.  
A trawler has landed with 21 survivors including several injured picked up at sea, belonging to a 7,000-ton oil tanker "Chuku," which left San Pedro on January 19 for Japan. The vessel suddenly blew up on February 15, killing the captain and 13 of the crew.—Reuter.

## CANCER NERVES.

## DISCOVERY BY CANADIAN DOCTOR.

Montreal, Yesterday.  
Dr. Oertel, director of the McGill University Pathological Institute, has established the presence of nerves in human cancers and other malignant tumours thus pointing to the possible connection of a cancerous growth with the nervous system and opening new possibilities for the advance of knowledge of tumours and their treatment.—Reuter.

## FIXING EASTER.

## MEASURE IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

London, Yesterday.  
The House of Commons has unanimously read for a second time a private bill stabilising Easter as the first Sunday after the second Saturday in April. Whenever European countries agree to a similar measure, the Government undertook to adopt the bill and initiate international negotiations.—Reuter.

## EDDIE FOY.

## American Comedian's Death.

## CHICAGO FIRE ECHO.

## How Famous Artist Averted A Panic.

New York, Yesterday.  
The death has occurred of the comedian, Eddie Foy.

The terrible fire at the Iroquois Theatre, Chicago, in 1903, when one hundred persons were killed, Foy rushed to the front of the stage with the flames roaring overhead and burning embers falling about him and implored the terror-stricken audience not to yield to panic.

The courage and presence of mind of the little comedian, a grotesque figure in tights and shock wig, amid the blazing scenery arrested to a great extent the mad scramble for the doors.—Reuter's American Service.

## DISQUIET.

(Continued from Page 1.)

chowfu, the Nationalist main base, of a representative of the "Christian General" and the arrival at Nanking of General Yen Hsi-shan's military representative to report progress in the campaign between Shansi province and the Peking Government.

## Peking's Summons.

Peking, Yesterday.  
The leaders on both sides in China's civil war seem to be more inclined for conferences than warfare at the present time.

In view of the alleged changed conditions, due to the Chengchow conference, the Peking authorities are summoning all their leaders to Peking for a further conference.

It is semi-officially stated that serious hostilities are not likely in North China before March 1. In the meanwhile reports that various peace delegates are visiting each other continue.—Reuter.

## LOAN PROTEST.

## Nationalist Note To Japanese Government.

Nanking, Feb. 10.  
In view of persistent reports that a loan of Yen 5,000,000 is under negotiation between (the Peking Government) Chang Tso-lin and the South Manchuria Railway, Mr. Quo Tai-chi, acting Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Nationalist Government, has sent a strong protest to the Japanese authorities against the consummation of the reported loan. Following is a translation of the official dispatch:—

"On Jan. 27, 1928, it was reported in the Shanghai newspapers that Yang Yu-ting, under instructions of the Northern militarist, Chang Tso-lin, had, through a Japanese, approached the South Manchuria Railway for a loan, and that Mr. Yamamoto, Director-General of the said Railway, viewing the fact that the route of the Kirin-Huining Line had already been determined, promised to advance Yen 5,000,000 for construction purposes. It was further reported that the Japanese intermediary had returned from Dairen to Peking on Jan. 11 to confer with Chang Tso-lin as regards the details of the arrangement."

Previous "Borrowing."  
"It is a well-known fact that all foreign loans are contracted by the Northern militarists for the purpose of meeting their military expenses. Such loans not only result in the prolongation of internal strife, but also add to the financial burden of the people, who have always objected to them."

"Towards such an undertaking and other similar activities, the Nationalist Government has repeatedly declared its opposition. Mr. Wu Chao-chu, Minister of Foreign Affairs, in a declaration dated Nov. 23, 1927, stated that 'Any treaty or agreement purporting to be made by any Chinese authority with a foreign government, corporation or individual without the participation or sanction of the Nationalist Government is of no validity whatsoever.' This declaration was duly published in both the Chinese and foreign newspapers in Shanghai and must have been brought to the knowledge of the Imperial Japanese Government."

## "HORSE MARINES."

## Really Materialise in S. America.

## CHASING SANDINO.

## U.S. Marines Mounted To Give Them Equal Mobility.

Managua, Yesterday.  
The "Horse Marines" materialised in the region of Matagalpa, where a detachment of United States marines, mounted in order to give them the same mobility as the rebels—are now chasing Sandino, who was last reported in that region.

Meanwhile a hundred followers of Sandino raided the town of Trinidad on Wednesday night and seized supplies.—Reuter's American Service.

## GOOD GOING.

## HINCKLER ARRIVES AT RANGOON.

Rangoon, Yesterday.  
Hinckler has arrived, having covered two-thirds of the distance to Australia in 11 days.—Reuter.

## MOTOR BANDITS.

## HOLD UP BUS NEAR CANTON.

## DRIVER FETCHES POLICE.

Two motor bandits of Canton who held up a bus on a lonely road outside the east suburb one evening this week were frustrated by the ingenuity of the driver.

The bus was near the Canton-Kowloon Railway, on its way to Tungshan (a district in which a good many foreigners live) when the bandits boarded as passengers and stood near the driver's seat ostensibly because the bus was crowded. Shortly after the desperadoes had threatened the driver by thrusting pistols on either side of him, he put out the lights and stopped the bus, pretending that the engine had gone wrong. He then proceeded to "examine" the engine.

While the robbers were moving towards the passengers, the driver escaped and ran to a police station. In the darkness and confusion, the passengers also began to move away and when the police arrived, the robbers intermingled with the passengers and disappeared among some trees in the neighbourhood.

## CANTON RIOTS ECHO.

At the monthly meeting yesterday of the committee of the Hong Kong General Chinese Chamber of Commerce, it was decided that no action can be taken in response to a request by Canton shopkeepers for intervention by the Chamber in the shopkeepers' dispute with insurance companies which are alleged to have withheld compensation for losses in the December red riots. The insurance companies maintain that the losses were due to "civil commotion" from which the policy is exempt.

Mexico City, Feb. 18.—President Calles has approved plans for an air mail service linking up Mexico City and Laredo, Texas. The service is expected to open very shortly.—Reuter.

published in both the Chinese and foreign newspapers in Shanghai and must have been brought to the knowledge of the Imperial Japanese Government.

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